

August 22, 2016

Ms. Jenkins,

I am responding to your letter, not because I want to but because I need to. I am responding so that you don't have to "dread silence." Your recent letter and the fact that you showed up at my personal residence 5 yrs ago are unwelcomed and inappropriate. Contact from you of any sort is unacceptable and threatening to me.

I recognize and respect the fact that as a mother you are concerned with your son's well being and want to believe that he did nothing wrong. You want to protect him from the negatives that will come from him being a convict. However, as a mother, it is your job to raise your children well and then to allow them to live their lives and make their own decisions. *Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child up in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* You can continue to support them but when they become adults, their life is just that **their life**. As an adult, your son became responsible for his own decisions and actions. And now, he needs to accept his responsibility and be accountable for those actions. You cannot save him and make things better or different. You cannot change the outcome of his actions.

I **will not** change anything that I have said or done in regards to your son's case. There was nothing inappropriate about the video tape. There is no "miracle" that will happen. There is no "new" evidence that will come to light. There is no "wrong to right." There simply is nothing. You have come to the end of your crusade and need to let it go.

I am truly very happy with my life. I choose to be happy and joyful EVERY day of my life. I already look in the mirror daily and I'm extremely proud of who I am. Can you say the same? There is no "storm" for me to walk through. The "storm" that you walk through daily is one that you have chosen to walk through and is self inflicted. I would recommend that you take your own advice and talk with someone, maybe your pastor, for guidance, for peace and for grace.

Ms. Jenkins, I have already notified the Cockrell Hill Police Department, Flower Mound Police Department, Euless Police Department, Tarrant County DA Richard Alpert, the hospital security and all persons that might be concerned about your intentions. I am giving you written notice that you, your son, your family, your friends or any other persons associated with you are NOT welcome to contact me again in the future. That includes contact via mail, any electronic means, email, phone, texts or in person. Do not attempt to contact me again.

I'm sorry for the struggles that you are having regarding your son and I pray that God gives you a calming peace for your heart.

Respectfully,
Deana Carter



Phillipians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about those things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.