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In the beginning Attorney Doug Brannon agreed to represent my son for \$3500.; to which he said was only for his assistant's time. So I assumed it was a pro bono case. He did as little as possible for my son's case.

After he informed Brannon of my son's mental health history he had not taken any steps toward any defense. So I immediately went to work obtaining 25 years of mental health medical records, in four different counties, for my son. The incident occurred in April 2020, and I had all medical records in attorney's office around July/August of 2020. I did this so he would have sufficient time to go over the 25 years of documents. However, in court he stated that he could not find schizophrenia diagnosis. THAT WAS OUTRAGEOUS and WRONG.

My son was diagnosed with bi polar manic depressive and prescribed lithium at age 15. On one of his many stays at Morris Village and Three Rivers in his 20's he was diagnosed with schizophrenia. He would see snakes in my auto floorboard, hear voices and even smell things that were not present, he would look at objects and see, think and believe something totally different than the reality. There is a difference in schizophrenia and meth psychosis, and I have seen and know both.

Brannon would never consider a lesser sentence for son, nor would he encourage or approach. We didn't have money and we knew after a year that Brannon was not interested in my son's defense. In fact many months before the trial Brannon made the statement to me in his office that 'Eric was going to have to pay for what he did to her'. It was as if he was the judge and the jury and he had already passed judgement.

I called his legal assistant many times and left voice mail, I sent lengthy text messages to law firm expressing my concern that Brannon was not prepared to represent my son, all to no avail. On the day of the trial he approached me and said not to mention the victim during the sentence hearing ?!?!?!?

I did not know what or how to speak up for my son. I feel betrayed by Brannon. I have, at times, even thought was he crooked, did he receive money to do such a destructive job?!

Why wasn't the facts that my son was quarantined in her residence by SC governor, or the many drug dealers and men that came in and out of her home, drug tests of both victim and my son, the text messages I sent her begging her not to buy and use drugs with my son. She lived right across the street from my home I will swear in court that she was familiar with my son's mental health, drug and behavior issues. I informed her of his bad state of mind in text and in person, to which she ignored. I knew that what was taking place in that house was affecting his mind. The City Police Chief, Sheriffs Narcotics Dept. was informed by me to bust up that situation and no one did anything, I even told her mother and showed her texts, no one did anything. now the scars will last forever.

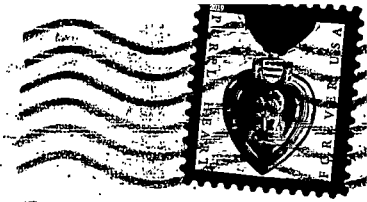
In my opinion an involuntary manslaughter sentence should have been offered, if we would had decent counsel.

Sincerely,  
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