

My name is Daishon Javon Deas-Green. I was sentenced to 15 years for a crime I did not commit. My Co-defendant admitted not once but twice to committing the crime I feel I was wrongfully convicted of. Since he owned up to doing the crime, why was I also convicted of it? I also feel that my lawyer was not being completely honest with me. He told me I would be doing no less than three years and no more than seven years. Ironically I received 15 years and my Co-defendant - who admitted to doing the crime - only received 8 years. I'm not upset that he only received 8 years. I'm upset because I did not commit the crime but yet I received twice as much time as the person who did the crime.

I feel as if my lawyer misrepresented me. I feel that there was definitely a lack of council assistance because he did absolutely nothing for me which resulted in me receiving far more time than the person who actually committed the crime.

I also felt as if I was coerced into taking a plea for the 15 years. I was told if I did not take the plea for 15 years, I would receive a life sentence if I tried taking it to trial. My lawyer also told me that if I took my case to trial he wouldn't represent me. In other words, I wouldn't have had a lawyer to plead my case if I took it to trial and who knows what would've happen if that had been the scenario. I was scared so I took the plea for 15 years not knowing any better.

I feel as if might I had better counselling, my outcome would have been entirely different. I still have a hard time understanding how - out of 7 co-defendants - only two people were convicted and sentenced, one (who admitted to doing the crime) receiving only 8 years and me (who did not commit the crime) receiving 15 years.

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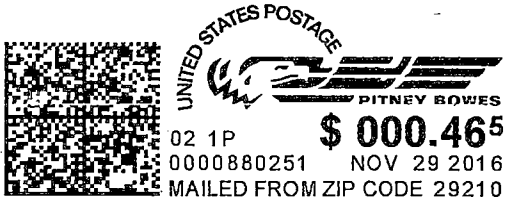
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