

I'm engraving this letter due to my wrongful conviction. I filed a petition due to the facts of the matter, I was promised probation only if I took a plea, which Mr. Cheek and Mr. Smith offered me. I feel like I was pressured and forced to take this plea under N.C. vs. Alford due to Mr. Smith stating he was ready to get this case over with. Mr. Smith stated he served me a subpoena in March of 2018. However, I was never served any form of legal documentation from Mr. Smith. In my defense I didn't meet Mr. Smith until 11/1/18. I'm not an adept person when it comes to the law and I feel I was pressured because of my lack of knowledge. It's elusive that Mr. Cheek told me I wouldn't do any jail time because I've never been in trouble with the law. I was a seventeen year old girl helping a friend who wasn't able to bed at the time recovering from a tragic car accident. I was the one who stayed at the hospital with Ms. Motes until she was released. I also went to therapy with Ms. Motes cheering her on the whole time when her friends for many years wanted no part in it. Ms. Motes stated at my plea hearing that she didn't think or don't think that I knew that was going to happen to her. Ms. Motes friend Ms. Shelton Page is walking around manumit and I feel I'm being punished for her wrong doings. Mr. Smith stated at my plea hearing that I was only charged because I didn't show up in court and that it was a big case for him and Darian could have gotten more time. Ms. Page tried to get me to leave a week prior to Ms. Motes getting her settlement check. Stating how Ms. Motes was very ungrateful. She also stated how Ms. Motes got on her nerves and she couldn't stand being around her at times. Ms. Page had access to Ms. Motes account. We all went to the bank together but Ms. Page was in the office with Ms. Motes

When she opened her bank account. I never saw Ms. Motes leave the bank with any cash. Why would I have her rob knowing she didn't have any cash on her. Ms. Page went to withdraw money out the ATM with Ms. Motes before Ms. Motes purchased her car. Which gave Ms. Page access to Ms. Motes pin number, the amount in the account, and how much money was taken out of the account as well as how much cash she would have left over from the purchase. The incident happened a couple of hours after Ms. Page dropped Ms. Motes back off at the apartment. I know Ms. Page had also been upset with Ms. Motes for giving another friend money and not her. Ms. Page has a violent background and is not a trustworthy or reliable person. She had more motive to have Ms. Motes robbed than me, due to the facts she had two children and no assistance from her children's father. She would drop her kids off at Ms. Motes apartment for hours at a time. If I needed anything from Ms. Motes I could ask. Ms. Motes provided me with a phone, clothes, and a room to sleep in while I stayed there to assist her. I had no reason to take from her at all. After Ms. Motes got Damian Hill put but he moved next door and not back home where his sister, Ms. Page picked him up from. Ms. Page use to let Mr. Hill come and fix him food while everyone was in bed. Mr. Hill tried to rob someone a few apartments down from Ms. Motes a few days before he attacked Ms. Motes in her home. Hill stated he had no knowledge of that but Ms. Motes spoke with the other tenants and it was confirmed that he did. Hill stated in his statement that I was not there. The neighbors who wrote a statement didn't mention I was in his apartment at the time he heard the banging. As Ms. Motes states in her statement that I was next door at the time of the attack, why didn't the neighbor never mention that to the officers at the scene or in his statement? The times in his and Ms. Motes statements are off. Ms. Motes never even mentioned in her

Statement that I was never there while the incident was going on. At my bond hearing Ms. Motes states I shouldn't walk the earth with everyone else and shouldn't be around kids but contradicted herself at my plea hearing by speaking in my behalf. Mr. Smith even stated at my bond hearing that I stayed with Ms. Motes helping her, but at my plea hearing said I was just going to Ms. Motes apartment to babysit. Mr. Smith stated I was the one who called 911 for assistance and I was the one who turned Darian in to authorities. I never got to talk to my public defender not even at my plea when she signed my sentencing sheet. I never got to talk to Mr. Smith one on one and told him my side of the story. Mr. Smith allegedly served me a subpoena one I never received for his trial against Hill and I feel he's holding that over my head because of his statement at my plea. Mr. Cheek however never mentioned any other outlet to me while discussing with me my charges and my case. However, if I was such a threat why would Ms. Motes stay in contact with me after this incident? Why did it take three years for them to arrest me? Ms. Motes sent me photos of her in the hospital and when I spoke to her told me how the boys were doing. She stayed in contact with me for months and years after the incident. She thanked me for helping her get justice. She never mentioned I needed to come to court to speak. She knew I would have come to support her, but I had no knowledge of when the trial was taking place. I even spoke with Ms. Motes at a hotspot and even then she didn't mention that I needed to be in court. I've stayed up plenty of nights trying to understand why her friends would do that to her, but I remember asking Darian why he did it and he said for my sister and for me. This has been a nightmare for me as well and I'm ready to get past the nightmares. I want a better life for myself and want to be able to have a career if I was really such a threat to Ms. Motes why

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