

**Brian Mackie**

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To: Derrick Jackson  
Subject: Marquell Ganter

Hi, Derrick,

I am disturbed by your letter on behalf of Mr. Ganter.

I most certainly respect your right, as a citizen (and social worker), to advocate on behalf of an offender, but you have done a disservice to the victims who were shot at and are traumatized by this crime.

Your letter on behalf of Mr. Ganter is written on Sheriff's office letterhead and was written in your capacity as an employee of the Sheriff. I am surprised that the Sheriff permitted this, if you did not, at the very least, consult with the victims first. I know that the victims were extremely upset by the sentence imposed on Ganter. I hope that you consulted with the deputies who were called to the scene. If you have not discussed your position with Deputy Yee and Deputy Morrison, as well as the other deputies and detectives involved, you should do so now. You have undercut their position, just as you have the victims.

You noted that for three years you have spent a "significant amount of time working one on one" with Ganter. I have to say that your mentoring was not very successful. Ganter obtained a stolen gun, whether he is the one who stole it, or not, and supplied it to the shooter, knowing that it was to be used to try to kill people. In fact, Ganter argued that he should be the shooter.

One of the sentences in your letter cannot be defended: "Corrections Officers within the jail have said that he doesn't belong here while other inmates have asked why he is here." Really? Do you actually think we should consult with inmates to determine who belongs in jail, or what appropriate sentence might be?

You were effective in your advocacy for Mr. Ganter. I hope that he does well in life and that his latest crime is an aberration.

The citizens of this county expect the Sheriff's Office to protect the general public and, especially, the victims of crime. You have shortchanged them.

I am not arguing that you should care about my opinion, but I had to let you know that I am more than disappointed.

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