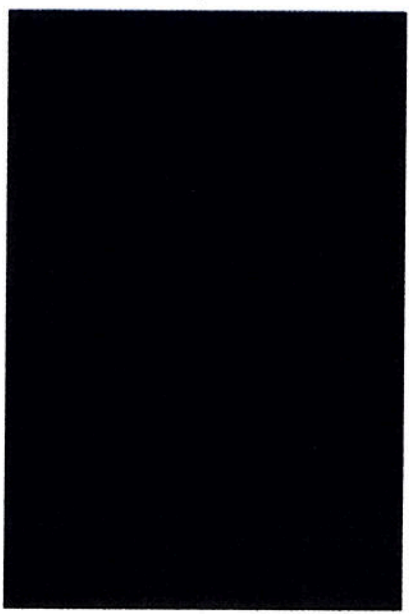


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Hi Grandma

Well, I'm sure you've heard by now that I'm still being held, illegally. Our plea of *habeas corpus* was denied, and no reason was given. We still have 2 options available - we can either appeal the recent chicken-shit decision ~~or~~ by the appellate court to Florida's supreme court, or appeal the court's decision to deny bond. We have to get a new judge too - the one I have now is very new and not very bright. I don't know if I should feel like I'm a victim of reverse-discrimination or a political prisoner. Either way, the state of Florida is screwing me over! 😊 I'm hoping this will eventually work out, but somehow I doubt anything will change. The blacks seem to be calling the shots, in the media and the courts. My brother tells me that everytime there is an article in the newspaper, the website has a way for people to leave a comment. He said it is divided by race, those for and against me. The whites who live in Jacksonville know how the blacks behave and the blacks want to protect their own. And of course, the daddy of the thing I had to defend myself against raised an immaculate child who could do no wrong... I'm thinking I will move out of Florida when this is all over with. I don't want to live in a state that plays politics and sucks up to a special interest group at my expense. I'm going to go out of my way to expose them (and the media)

when the time is right. Ok - enough ranting for now. 😊 Thanks again for writing! I enjoy reading your letters - they are always up beat and it's nice to read about normal things. I was getting a newspaper here for a while, but they misrepresent what has been going on with my case so badly, I figure I'll just stick to fiction novels. (And not bother with fiction masquerading as journalism!) Ok - that was a rant, but against the media this time and not the corrupt government!

There is an Eagle's nest on the Intracoastal where we live. They're not there year-round, but I've seen the mamma and some chicks. I wish we had something like that in our back yard - but we do get to watch the dolphins and the occasional whale swim by!

██████████ has finally given up hope that I will be released. She's moving out of our townhouse and into a small apartment in town. She says she hates being in the townhouse now, as everything reminds her of me. Poor girl - this has been especially hard on her. At least I won't have to worry about her being able to come up with enough for the rent! We've both been on an emotional roller-coaster since this happened back in November. We were told I'd be out on bail Dec 19, the Jan, Feb, etc. At this point, if I get out on bond - **CO REAT!** But were not holding our collective breaths for it any more... Now we have Sept 23 to look forward to - that's when the trial has been scheduled for. I know that date will slip, but I'll do what I can

to make sure it doesn't slip too much! Besides changing judges, we're going to ask for a change of venue. That's the reason I can't be rebutting the press. I can't be shown to be part of the "media circus", as that's the reason for moving this case to a new county. The fear is that we may get a predominantly black jury and therefore, unlikely to get a favorable verdict. Sad, but that's where this country is still at. The good news is that the surrounding counties are predominantly white and republican and supporters of gun rights! Remember that saying: Rather be judged by 12 than carried by 6! However, I don't wish to be pre-judged - and the blacks around here are doing just that. I'm falling into the same trap - pre-judging the blacks - but they're making it ~~very~~ easy to do by their actions.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and I have discussed moving to Colorado after the trial and my release. We won't be too far from you in Texas, though Texas is so darn big! If we do move to CO, it will be to Colorado Springs, as she has a daughter + a granddaughter living there. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ + I spent Christmas with them a few yrs ago. We took the cog railway up to Pike's Peak - Way cool! Took a while to catch my breath there - and everyone seems so healthy. They spend more time outdoors than we do in Florida. Not looking forward to shoveling though! Hopefully we'll have a neighbor as nice as yours.

I don't know if I mentioned my latest 'neighbor' to you. This one talks through the air vent to the juveniler (15-17 yr old murderers + thugs) and says: "Whas up my niggah?" It's hard to understand him as it sounds like he has marbles in his mouth. I finally got to see him the other day when I went to court - he has 2 teardrops tattooed under an eye. From a documentary on gang violence, that's supposed to mean he's killed 2 people. Of course, he could just be a 'poser'. I've overheard him talking - He said he's from Atlanta and was bragging on how much more serious the thugs from Atlanta are... The guy I defended myself against was from Atlanta... He was 17, living with Mom and she sent him to Jacksonville to live with Dad. Not sure if the 'special' school was in Atlanta or Jax, but supposedly he went to a school for troubled youths. From what little I've interacted with the Dad, I can imagine some of that hate was home-grown. You asked about a first meal request after I'm released. I dreamed about a filet mignon + lobster tail, but I would settle for Chinese takeout! Seriously - the food here sucks! Mom + Dad are helping me out and putting money in my commissary account. I try and stay away from sweets, though I do get a bag of hard-candy. I try to get things with protein like summer sausage and jerky. I'm exercising in my cell, but with no weights, I'm limited in which muscles I can work.

I took the time to read those bible passages you mentioned. I will renew my effort to finish reading the bible. The New Testament is probably an easier read than the Old was. 😊 I don't remember the book and verse, but there was a passage that talked about punishing people who lied about a murder, just as if they committed it. I liked that when I read it and thought about the 3 thugs in the SUV who are telling stories! Heh! I just overheard my neighbor calling to the juveniles through the vent. He refers to one guy as 'Thug Lite' (Light) - All I can say is Wow - what a rotten culture.

I hope your trek to S.D. was nice. Hope [redacted] mom had a happy birthday! I don't get to see T.V. or listen to the radio. I am in a cell all by myself and keep sane by reading. I have a deck of playing cards and amuse myself by playing solitaire and 3-handed blackjack. I never lose, as I am the 'house' too! 😊 I sure am looking forward to getting out of here and breathing that fresh air. I want get to go back and live by the seaside, so I am sad for that. I won't complain though - I sure I'll be happy wherever I end up, so long as [redacted] + I are still together. Not sure I would be holding up so well if it wasn't for her. Of course, the love and support from all the family helps too. So thank you!

Love,

- Mike