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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is said there are two ways to "do time." One can "let the time do you," meaning much time is wasted watching television, sitting around the recreation yard telling stories about old days in the neighborhood, and, generally, doing nothing. Or, one can "do the time," meaning, first, admit responsibility for one's circumstance, then make use of every possible resource to ensure no repeat of the circumstance.

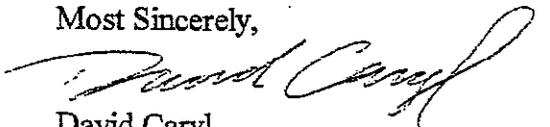
I am pleased to say Mr. Kenneth Colon is one who chose to "do the time" in a constructive manner rarely seen in this department. Mr. Colon worked for me for a period of nearly five years until his recent transfer from this facility for pre-release instruction.

Mr. Colon earned a position in my office by winning election as a representative on the grievance resolution committee. After successfully completing his elected term, he was selected by myself to fill the non-elected positions of committee chairman and aide. In these capacities, he honorably served for over four years, earning an unprecedented level of respect from peers and staff.

Mr. Colon's dedication to personal growth led him in late 2007 to commit to a previously forsaken goal: to earn his college degree. There no longer being any facility sanctioned college-level program, Mr. Colon paid for his own internship with money largely saved from a modest program allowance. I was pleased to serve as his internship mentor, then watch as he fulfilled his ambition with receipt of his college degree in February this year.

I consider with respect having watched Mr. Colon grow in maturity, patience and discernment, then apply these qualities to a vision for his family, community and future. Before you stands a man who looks only forward; forward to challenge, ascension and success. I cordially recommend Mr. Colon to any consideration you may have of him.

Most Sincerely,



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