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George Solomon
Director of Prisons
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RE: Inmate Demetrius Montgomery (Inmate 0678032)

Dear Director Solomon,

I am writing to express concerns regarding the housing status of inmate Demetrius Montgomery. Both of the victims' families have contacted the District Attorney's Office and are distraught that this inmate is being housed in a medium security facility in their hometown. While I understand that the Department of Adult Corrections has the discretion to house the inmate in whatever manner you see fit; I would like to explain why I share their concerns.

This inmate executed Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Officers Sean Clark and Jeff Shelton. These officers never even had the chance to draw their weapons and defend themselves. Montgomery feigned mental illness throughout his trial and never took responsibility for his actions. He was convicted following a lengthy jury trial and was sentenced to consecutive life sentences.

How Montgomery is treated is something other prisoners will notice. Given the vile nature of his crimes, along with the fact that he will never be released, I request that Montgomery be held in a maximum security facility with as little contact with other inmates as possible. It does not sit well with me for this inmate to be seen by other inmates making money, going to the commissary, and enjoying other privileges. Being in anything less than a maximum security facility may send a message to other inmates that the Department of Adult Corrections does not take what this inmate did seriously enough.

The murder of two police officers is an attack on our system of law and order. Treating a cop killer the same as other inmates, in my opinion, sends a bad message. It makes it more dangerous for your corrections officers whose very lives depend on inmates having some respect for the uniform.

I would urge you to reclassify this inmate and return him to a maximum security facility.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to discuss this matter with you and provide any additional information you request regarding the offenses Montgomery committed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Andrew Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. Andrew Murray
District Attorney

Cc: Bob Clark – Father of Officer Sean Clark
John Shelton – Father of Officer Jeff Shelton