

RECOMMENDED PERSONS TO BE INTERVIEWED IN RE: ALVIN B. FORD

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Family members:

Connie Ford, Mother  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

Gwendolyn Ford Shaw, Sister  
2760 Club Mar Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 33577

Wilma Twenty, Sister  
Sarasota, Florida

Roderick F. Ford (Pfc), Brother  
Box 1657  
Little Rock AFB  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72076

Norma Ford, Sister  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

William Ford, Jr., Brother  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

Employers:

William Duncan  
2916 61st Street, East  
Palmetto, Florida

Glen Flemming  
400 Bayshore Drive  
Terrace Hill, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Tallent  
282 Bayshore Drive  
Terrace Hill, Florida

Dr. James A. Morrish  
3404 Riverview Boulevard  
Bradenton, Florida

High School Teachers:

Willie Clemons  
1314 3rd Avenue  
Bradenton, Florida 33505

Theodore Tillis  
3101 9th Avenue Drive, East  
Palmetto, Florida

E. A. McCray, Jr.  
1314 Second Avenue  
Palmetto, Florida

R. E. Curtis  
1533 1st Avenue Drive, West  
Bradenton, Florida

Church:

Andrew Alexander  
2708 4th Avenue East  
Palmetto, Florida

Constintin Baskin  
1110 7th Avenue  
Palmetto, Florida

Steve Lewis  
101 11th Avenue East  
Bradenton, Florida

James Woodson  
2504 16th Avenue East  
Palmetto, Florida

LAURIN A. WOLLAN, JR.  
Attorney at Law  
2509 Limerick Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

June 10, 1981

Mr. Herb Greenwood  
Office of Executive Clemency  
Florida Parole and Probation  
Commission  
1309 Winewood Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida, 32301

RE: ALVIN B. FORD

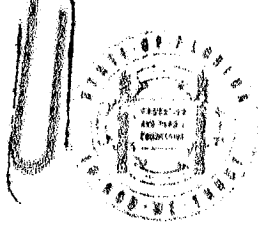
Dear Mr. Greenwood:

Attached is a list of names of persons the Parole Commission staff might interview. I anticipate adding some names in the next few days, but I understand Mr. Howard's admonition that the Commission staff might not be able to interview persons whose names are submitted after this date.

Yours truly,

Laurin A. Wollan

LW:bw  
Enclosure



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July 16, 1981

Ms. Connie Ford  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

RE: Alvin B. Ford

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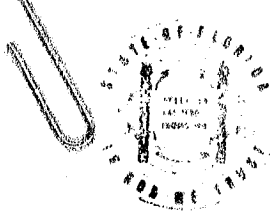
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Thanking you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. McCALL  
Parole Examiner I  
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cc: Attorney Laurin A. Wollan ✓



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Ms. Gwendolyn Ford Shaw  
2760 Club Mar Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 33577

RE: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Ms. Shaw:

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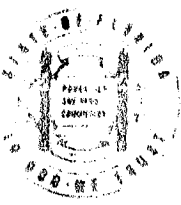
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Ms. Wilma Twenty  
c/o Ms. Connie Ford  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

RE: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Ms. Twenty:

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Ms. Norma Ford  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

RE: Alvin B. Ford

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Mr. William Ford, Jr.  
1205 2nd Avenue West  
Palmetto, Florida 33561

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Mr. William Duncan  
2916 61st Street East  
Palmetto, Florida

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July 16, 1981

Mr. Glen Flemming  
400 Bayshore Drive  
Terrace Hill, Florida

RE: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. Flemming:  
Our office has been informed that you wish to make a statement concerning the above mentioned inmate for consideration of commutation of his death sentence. In view of your interest and in accordance with Executive Clemency Rules, we will provide you with an opportunity to express your views in this case.

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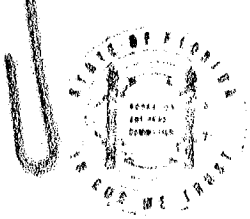
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Mr. and Mrs. Gus Tallent  
282 Bayshore Drive  
Terrace Hill, Florida

RE: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tallent:  
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Dr. James A. Morrish  
3404 Riverview Boulevard  
Bradenton, Florida

RE: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. Morrish:

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Willie Clemons  
1314 3rd Avenue  
Bradenton, Florida 33505

Re: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. Clemons:

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101 11th Avenue East  
Bradenton, Florida

Re: Alvin B. Ford

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Constantin Baskin  
1110 7th Avenue  
Palmetto, Florida

re: Alvin B. Ford

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Andrew Alexander  
2708 4th Avenue East  
Palmetto, Fl

Re: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. Alexander:

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1313 NORTH TAMPA STREET, PARK TRAMMELL BUILDING, SUITE 515, TAMPA, FLORIDA, 33602. (813) 272-2842

July 16, 1981

R. E. Curtis  
1533 1st Avenue Drive, West  
Bradenton, Florida

Re: Alvin B. Ford

Dear Mr. Curtis:

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DATE: July 31, 1981

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Kahn Court Reporting  
1105 6th Avenue West  
Bradenton, Florida 33505

Your statement can be accepted orally or written depending on your personal preference.

Thanking you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. McCALL  
Parole Examiner I

TJM/cs

cc: Attorney Laurin A. Wollan ✓



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July 16, 1981

E. A. McCray, Jr.  
1314 Second Avenue  
Palmetto, Florida

Re: Alvin B. Ford

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Theodore Tillis  
3101 9th Avenue Drive, East  
Palmetto, Florida

Re: Alvin B. Ford

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TTF/ps

cc: Attorney Laurin A. Wollan

Dear Mr Wollan

In regard to your letter,  
I've known Alvin since birth  
he is my son. he is the second  
child and the first boy born to  
me. I brought him up in the  
Sunday School and Church, as I  
did all of the rest, and I never  
dreamed it would be in him  
to do such a thing, as parents  
always try and do all that they  
can possible do for their children.  
we were poor, as far as money  
was concern, but we were rich  
in love as a little family.

Sincerely  
Connie Ford

Andrew Alexander, Jr.  
2708 Fourth Avenue East  
Palmetto, Florida 33561  
June 30, 1981

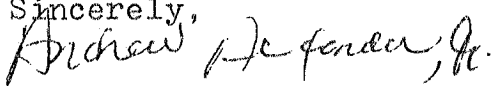
Laurin A. Wollan, Attorney  
Florida Clearinghouse on  
Criminal Justice  
222 West Pensacola Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Attorney Wollan,

I received your letter of June 23, 1981, requesting information concerning Mr. Alvin Ford and our knowledge of his character.

I have known Alvin for most of his life, being acquainted with him and his family for approximately twenty-six years. In our opinion, Alvin is a very nice and well raised young man, coming from a deeply religious home and environment. He attended church while living at home and participated enthusiastically in church related activities. His personality was always kind, gentle, respectful and obedient, and he was well liked in the community.

I thank you for the opportunity to write to you about Alvin, and if I can be of more help, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,  
  
Andrew Alexander, Jr.

E. A. McCray Jr.  
1314 2nd Ave. W.  
P.O. Box 457  
July 2, 1981

Attorney Laurin A. Wollan  
Florida Clearing House on  
Criminal Justice  
222 W. Pensacola Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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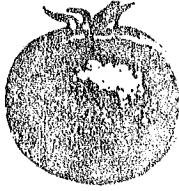
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Florida Clearinghouse On Criminal Justice  
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Dear Mr. Wollan:

I have known Alvin Ford since his early childhood. My family and I watched him grow up, during those years he was a very nice person.

Obedient to his parents and elders of the community, He grew up attending the Turner Chapel A. M. E. Church School at which time I was a Sunday school Teacher, Alvin was very attentive.

He never gave any trouble in any way, he also worked for my company from time off and on.

As far as I know he never got into any trouble until this unfortunate time.

Sincerely Yours,

James Woodson

To whom it May concern, 7/7/81  
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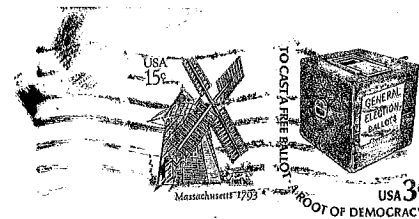
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Yours sincerely  
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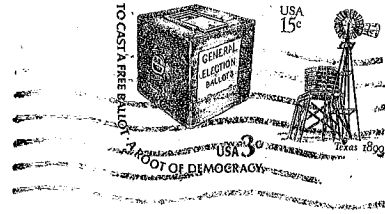
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Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ford

Federick L Ford  
PSC Box 1657  
NRAFB, Arkansas  
72076



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Bradenton, Florida 33505

August 3, 1981

Mr. Laurin A. Wallen  
Attorney At Law  
222 W. Pensacola St.  
Tallahassee, Fla. 32301

Dear Mr. Wallen:

Enclosed is my statement in behalf of my brother Alvin B. Ford regarding having his sentence commuted from death to life in prison.

Many thanks for your concern and all the work you are doing in behalf of my brother. I have confidence that whatever happens you have done your best.

Very Sincerely yours,  
Brendelyn L. Ford

August 3, 1981

To Whom it May Concern:

Alvin B. Ford is my brother, the second oldest child in our family. Alvin was like most brothers fun and games always playing tricks on his sister. As a teenager he worked with my father since age 14 years. He has always been a hard worker and very responsible person. We as children have always been taught the right way of doing things. My mother has as long as I remember taken us to church and Sunday School. It has always been instilled in us the importance of following the ten commandments and keeping in touch with church services. After my father died my brother took on the responsibility of being the man in the house. He was concerned always about the maintenance of the household and other finances such as school clothing and necessities of the other children at home. Both my brother and myself had jobs and we both helped my mother with finances etc. When he moved to Gainesville he would always visit us and make sure my mother didn't need anything. I remember the last Christmas he was home before he was arrested

E. A. McCray Jr.  
1314 2nd Ave. W.  
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July 2, 1981

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he came home and gave me money to help get my two younger sisters and two younger brothers Christmas gifts.

Since he has been in prison he has stressed over & over again the dangers involved when associating with the wrong peer group. He has encouraged and advised them regarding the importance of getting a good education and listening to our mother's advice. Since in prison he has done whatever he could do to alleviate any unnecessary stress on my mother and grandmother. He keeps in close contact with the family as we do with him through letters, phone calls and visits.

I do feel that my brother's trial was not a fair one and I am very concerned about why it even was conducted in Fort Lauderdale where publicly it had been discussed and advertised. People in that town had already prejudged the outcome and had their minds already made up there was no way he would get a fair trial.

The jury was composed of persons who should not have even been on the jury. The jury my brother's lawyer picked was not allowed to serve and another jury was picked by the opposite ~~Sides~~. He a good lawyer who did all he could but his representation was still very inadequate. I feel the jurors, spectators and others had formed

negative opinions and pre-judgements before the trial ever began. I do not feel it was proven beyond a shadow of doubt that he committed this crime he's being accused of. Further more there was no evidence presented that could justify a sentence of death. The so called witness who mysteriously appeared and identified someone by seeing only waist down never saw his face; I think this is bizarre. How can you put someone to death with such an identification?

I have many questions about the ~~manner~~ manner in which the trial was handled such as why my brother's lawyer was not allowed to cross examine or question the witness. Also how her testimony could ever be considered after she contradicted herself by making two different statements concerning the same incident on two different occasions.

I also feel that all of the other guys involved in the incident should have gotten equal sentences. It's beyond me how one person can be singled out and charged as the "trigger man" when you're dealing with a gang or one or more people.

This is just another examine of our double standard justice system. We have certain laws for the poor and indigent and a different set of



laws for the rich and well to do class of people. It's just another example of the old saying "if you have enough money and know the right people you go free no matter what the crime; but if you're poor you pay whether you're guilty or innocent." "Justice" is just a seven letter word which means nothing to me or any poor person I know. I have absolutely no faith in our so called Justice System.

Personally I feel my brother could make a greater contribution to society alive and not dead. He has a great mind and can do many things. He has done a lot since in prison toward improving the conditions and environment at Prison for both visitors and inmates. He has brought about many changes such as mirrors in the bathrooms in the visitor's Park, padded stools, decent exercise equipment and some type regular exercise program for the inmates. Also repair of broken windows in the cells during the winter so that inmates might not suffer from exposure and illness.

He also paints and I feel with some advertising and/or displaying of his work; pictures could be sold and profits go toward a scholarship fund, a charity or shelter for neglected, abandoned or abused children.

Of course I will be deeply grieved if his sentence is carried out but I would be most concerned about how it will affect my mother. I don't know if she could cope with stress and shock of it all due to her poor health condition.

I have often wondered why inmates have not been allowed to earn their own stay in Prisons and other State or Federal institutions. There's no reason why a Prison could not be self-sustaining.

In summary, I honestly feel my brother's sentence would have been a life sentence just as the others involved got if he could have had a fair trial with adequate representation.

Humility is a recognition of our dependence on others and an appreciation of the gift of life. A man becomes humble when he is aware of the enormous debt he owes to others.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwendolyn L. Ford

Roderick L. Ford  
PSC Box 1657  
LRAFB  
Arkansas 72076

July 8, 1981

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I am Alvin's twenty year old brother presently enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. I have known Alvin for as long as I can remember and without him I don't know where I would be or what I would be or what I would be into. I can remember the early days when we spent a lot of time together. Alvin has always been the type of person who always looked out for his fellow man. He was involved in community activities and also in school sports. I can only tell you what I remember up until the prison deal and I can't even remember what day he went there. Things that I should know about that I don't because it wasn't discussed around the home or with the younger family members, but I can sure tell you that I knew Alvin to be a great older brother and I don't think he should be sitting in prison wasting his life away. I hope this letter will help my brother and I'm sure that you are doing all that you can. Keep up the good work.

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