

Mechie Mondays

March 10 and ongoing: Letters to Mechie

BACKGROUND INFO:

Marie “Mechie” Scott is a friend and loved one to many who has been held in prison for more than half a century. Because of Pennsylvania's harsh sentencing laws, Marie was sentenced to mandatory life without parole when she was just 19 years old under the felony murder statute, even though she didn't take a life. At age 71, she's now fighting breast cancer in prison.

After a parole interview with Mechie last year, Dept. of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Harry refused to give her the DOC's recommendation in the commutation process citing incidents from more than 40 years ago and a minor misconduct record that is more than ten years old. This does not justify withholding mercy from a deserving elder who is fighting cancer.

We need to get her home, and right now the DOC commuting her unjust death by incarceration sentence is the quickest path. Mechie has been there for hundreds of women at SCI Muncy who needed a mentor over the last 52 years. Let's show up for her in her time of need.

Last week, for the first time, Mechie got through the commutation process at the Board of Pardons after having tried 5 or 6 times before. She will have a public hearing in May. This is great news and is thanks to all the letters and calls from people across the commonwealth to the Board in support of Mechie.

But the coming weeks will be very stressful and the outcome uncertain, so we're asking you to send a quick note to Mechie to buck up her spirits.

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Writing tips:

- DO: Be encouraging! You can share about who you are, how you got to know about the Free Mechie campaign, and why you are supporting. Send an uplifting message.
- DONT: Send anything other than paper in the envelope and please keep in mind that letters can be read by prison staff.