

August 6, 2014

Dr. Stephanie Leigh Batiste
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Judge Brian Hill,
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara,
1100 Anacapa Street,
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Dear Judge Hill,

I have known Mireille Miller Young for seven years since I joined the faculty at UCSB. I initially moved to the city alone, knew no one really, and was unfamiliar with the routes and spaces of the area. Upon my arrival Mireille was one of the most warm and kind people I encountered. She created social events in which she made a point to include me. Her outreach made my transition to a new job on a new campus that much more comfortable. She made herself available as an accepting colleague and friend ready to discuss teaching, research, and the profession. Likewise I have seen her create welcoming spaces for distinguished visitors to campus manifesting the highest level of hospitality, respect, care and openness. These opportunities she infects with her gift of liveliness, joviality, laughter, and fun. In fact I have even seen her smile under the dire stresses of professional advancement as a resource for calm and fortitude. I also recall with a smile, incidentally, her compliments to me about my "bright and glowing" appearance when I was carrying my son. And this long before I shared my own happy news.

Dr. Miller Young is instinctively kind. She goes beyond the call of duty to support her junior colleagues, graduates students, and undergraduate students alike. She actively encourages their networking as a platform to future success and expresses a sincere interest in their ideas, experience, and progress. She is a giving, sensitive person with a good heart. This kindness combined with her commitment to justice helps me to understand her feelings not only at seeing the brutal pictures displayed, but imagining the state of the mothers not pictured. Since so much of the uproar around the basic interactions have involved descriptions of feelings and speculation about motivations and state of mind, I imagine the feelings of a recently pregnant woman keeping her child who also thinks carefully and deeply about the feelings of other women might be amplified horror and a desire to stand up for both women and children.

In my own teaching environments I think very carefully and very hard about sharing spectacular images of violence of violence and how. The context of my courses, a

structured educational environment, provides the opportunity for measured conversations about war, violence, and brutality. It should be with maturity and responsibility that one trades graphic images of brutalized bodies in public. The affective consequences of education can indeed be intense and unpredictable.

So many of the circumstances that led up to this conflict and trial are rooted in long narratives of pain and commitment. Mireille is neither chronically angry, nor dangerous. What we have seen in scratchy phone video is a very bad moment for a fundamentally good person who cares deeply about others and who thinks intensely about image-making and how representations of bodies effect ourselves and our world. The overwhelming aggression Mireille has sustained as a result of her behavior and the publicity attacks that have followed have been cruel and punishing. She has suffered. Even without these, she is remorseful and has revisited, rethought, and reconsidered her actions continually. This seems to be precisely the outcome desired. I implore you to have mercy in your consideration of this case.

Thank you for your ear.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Batiste'.

Stephanie L. Batiste.



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Dear Judge Hill,

I write this letter to attest to the upstanding moral character of Mireille Miller-Young. I believe that it is imperative that Professor Miller-Young, who has already been vilified in the press, be represented fairly in the legal process as a kind, generous, and professional person with integrity.

I have known Dr. Miller-Young for five years as a fellow colleague in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. While I was a graduate student at Rutgers University working on my Ph.D., Professor Miller-Young generously provided feedback on drafts of my research even though she was not on my committee, and also participated in my first academic project as an editor. Lending her name to the publication conferred considerable prestige to the endeavor, which was a crucial credential for me in preparing myself for the academic job market.

Given that Dr. Miller-Young was neither a faculty member of my department nor a dissertation committee member, her willingness to engage my work was especially kind, and an increasingly rare gesture in a time when academics continue to take on increasing loads of teaching and service work. I sought Dr. Miller-Young out as an interlocutor due to the quality and innovation of her scholarship. Throughout these years of work, Professor Miller-Young has always had a cheerful disposition and conducted herself in a professional manner.

I have spent time with Dr. Miller-Young in Santa Barbara, as I was a visiting lecturer in her undergraduate Race and Sexuality seminar course (January 2014). This was my first time visiting the campus at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the longest, continuous period of time I have spent in the company of Dr. Miller-Young. She exhibited a warm, caring attitude towards students, and the class of about 25 was very engaged in the course. It was a very dynamic, intellectually stimulating, and supportive atmosphere. The incisive commentary and behavior of the students made it clear to me that Dr. Miller-Young was doing great work as an educator and the students demonstrated their appreciation and respect of her. In fact, a few hours prior to the class meeting, I went along with Dr. Miller-Young on a trip to the supermarket to purchase snacks for the class, a ritual she took up for the once-a-week, night-time (5-8pm) seminar as a way to build community in the class and provide refreshment for students who have long days and late dinner hours.

During my visit I stayed with Dr. Miller-Young in her home and she was a gracious host. She made me feel at home and throughout my stay offered mentorship and advice on my research and development as a junior professor. I have deep respect and appreciation for Dr. Miller-Young, who I have come to consider a friend as well as a colleague. I have never witnessed Dr. Miller-Young conducting herself in a violent manner in the years I have worked with her, and even if I had not witnessed such behavior myself I would have surely heard about it from colleagues within the Women's and Gender studies scholarly community, as we are a rather close-knit group. I have no reason to doubt that Dr. Miller-Young, as a pregnant woman, was deeply affected by the graphic and disturbing imagery displayed by the anti-abortion protestors on campus, which have also caused me significant discomfort every time I have encountered such images on billboards, demonstrations, or academic spaces. I hope that this letter will help in providing a fuller, more fair assessment of Dr. Miller-Young's character.

Best regards,
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August 7, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
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Dear Honorable Brian Hill:

I am writing in regard to Professor Miller-Young. I am an Associate Professor of Gender & Women's Studies at the University of Arizona. And I have had the delightful experience of working with Professor Miller-Young over the past 16 months as appointed members of the Programming Committee (PC) of the American Studies Association. Because I also head the subcommittee of the PC on which Professor Miller-Young serves, I have worked with her very closely. Throughout, she has been a responsible, level-headed, kind, generous, and pleasant colleague. I had not collaborated with her before we began this work. But after my positive experiences with her, I have nothing but good things to say about her character, her contributions, and her professionalism. I look forward to future collaborations with her.

Please accept this note as a testament to Professor Miller-Young's valuable place in the profession. I would be happy to provide more information about the kind of work we have done together on the PC of the ASA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'S. Soto'.

Sandra K. Soto
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The Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
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Dear Judge Hill:

I am happy to write you regarding Dr. **Mireille Miller-Young**, an associate professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara. I have known her perhaps longer than many of the other colleagues and students who have written you. She was an undergraduate student in the 1990s at Emory University and was enrolled in my European history course. We have remained in touch and I have followed her progress with great pride.

Let me speak to her character and her gifts as a student of history. From the first days of class, Mireille was an alert and insightful contributor to class discussions. She grasped the readings quickly and was an enthusiastic and positive presence in the classroom. She could differ with another student respectfully and generously—in other words, she was exactly the kind of student a professor hopes for in a large introductory class. She showed students how to engage around issues, even how to disagree, and to do so with humor and well-evidenced arguments. While I usually avoid descriptions that are gendered, I would have called her a “bubbly” participant in our classroom—always smiling, radiating excitement about the readings. As I got to know her through office hours and informal discussions I came to know something of her strength—that her optimism, her joy at being at Emory, and her growing interest in historical studies had a “backstory,” that her life had not been easy, and that life at Emory was not always easy.

Here I should place her daily optimism into the context of Emory during that period. The university had experienced a series of racist events and the tension could be felt across the campus. Emory was making a difficult transition from a strong regional university (drawing largely on southern and white student pools) to a national research institution (with a diverse and international student body). In the national context, the OJ Simpson trial was underway. And in my class, we were dealing with recent work on colonialism and racism in modern Europe. As a professor, I was trying to introduce that scholarship to students and was asking them to think where it intersected with US history and even their campus experiences. What was remarkable about Mireille was her ability to speak frankly about the issues and to bring forward her

perspective, while drawing her (nearly all white, largely male) classmates to her ideas rather than adding to the tensions. I deeply valued her role in the class. She was generous, patient, and endlessly gracious in that potentially tense environment. It is no surprise that she has found, as she developed as a historian and took her place in the profession, that she is loved by her students and colleagues. Her warmth, her excitement for her research (which is path-breaking), and her love of teaching have only deepened over the years since I was her professor at Emory. Like many of my colleagues who remember her with great fondness and admiration, I would be delighted and proud to have her as a colleague at Emory.

Sincerely,

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Judith A. Miller

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August 7, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
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Dear Honorable Brian Hill,

I am writing in strong support of Professor Mircille Miller-Young. Dr. Miller-Young and I have been colleagues for a number of years and I also consider her a dear friend. I have invited Dr. Miller-Young to Penn State University as a mentor to present on her own research and lead a professional development seminar to a group of postdoctoral research fellows. The group had nothing but rave reviews of her session. I recently presented on a small panel with Dr. Miller-Young at a National Women's Studies Association conference. I have also attended conferences that Dr. Miller-Young herself has been instrumental in orchestrating. Dr. Miller-Young has been nothing but an outstanding and supportive mentor for me and for many other junior women faculty nationwide. I can speak to both the superior quality of her scholarship and to her personal interactions with colleagues and students at conferences. She is a warm, friendly, and caring individual.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at arianecruz@psu.edu or telephone at 814-865-8495.

Sincerely,

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August 5, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
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Dear Judge Hill:

I am writing to provide a character reference for Dr. Mireille Miller-Young. I was the chair of what was then the Women's Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara, when Mireille was hired, and she has been a valued colleague ever since.

Mireille is a wonderful presence in our department, teaching and mentoring students with skill and commitment, and serving the department, profession, university, and community with passion and enthusiasm. She is much sought-after by students for her incredible knowledge, her excellence in the classroom, and her personal support. She is a nationally recognized scholar whose research is widely influential, and she has a reputation around the country and beyond as an innovative and dedicated intellectual. At UC Santa Barbara, she has put enormous amounts of energy into organizing and contributing to events that enrich the lives of our students.

The unfortunate incident with Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, and the sharply critical coverage in the *Santa Barbara News Press*, has created a public image of Mireille that is wholly inaccurate. She is a warm, smart, dedicated teacher and scholar who works passionately in all areas of her life to make the world a better place. She teaches and mentors diverse students in an atmosphere of intellectual openness. She is a valued member of our department and the university, and it is my hope that she can continue to contribute all that she does to the community

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.J. Rupp".

Leila J. Rupp
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August 7, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara,
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Re: Mireille Miller-Young

Dear Honorable Brian Hill:

I am writing in relation to the upcoming sentencing hearing of Mireille Miller-Young. I have worked as a faculty member at UCSB for sixteen years and have known Miller-Young as a colleague and friend for seven of those years. As you know, Miller-Young is faculty of Feminist Studies, but is also an affiliate of my department, Film and Media Studies. I have never collaborated with Miller-Young myself, but I have attended scholarly events and meetings that she has organized, and I have only ever observed her as an extremely congenial, professional and kind member of our campus community. Last spring I attended an event Miller-Young organized in the Pollock Theater that packed the house. After watching her introduce the event and very successfully moderate a panel with divergent opinions, I remember feeling struck by what a great role model, teacher, and intellectual leader she is, and, in fact, I sent her an email message afterward to tell her it was one of the most well-organized and stimulating events I've attended during my time at UCSB.

In addition to being an intellectual leader, Miller-Young is an admired teacher. Our graduate and undergraduate students in Film and Media Studies have taken her classes and have shared very favorable reports about her pedagogy. She has also helped to mentor our graduate students, conveying vital advice about the job market and professionalization. One of the students who worked closely with Miller-Young was recently hired in a top tenure-track job at NYU. The support Miller-Young provided to this young scholar was instrumental.

Beyond her strengths as a public intellectual and teacher, Miller-Young is a caring, compassionate, and thoughtful person. In fact, her positive energy can be intoxicating. She is the type of person who never stops smiling, even when things get challenging.

In closing, I want to emphasize Miller-Young's reputation as a collegial, intelligent, and deeply valued member of our campus community. Her work and interactions with others have garnered her immense respect and admiration from colleagues at

UCSB and beyond, myself included. Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment. If I can provide further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Lisa Parks, Ph.D.
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Honorable Brian Hill
Superior Court of Santa Barbara
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August 5, 2014

Dear Judge Hill,

My name is LaMonda Horton-Stallings, and I am writing on behalf of Mircille Miller-Young. I have known Mireille for seven years as a professional colleague and friend, having first met her when she was a first year professor at UC-Santa Barbara in 2008. I am dismayed at the charges that she now faces, and it is my sincerest belief that theft and battery are very out of character for someone as charitable, sincere, and caring as Mireille.

I first met Mircille when she agreed to mentor a student that we both knew who admired Mircille's professional writing and work. Even though she was on the west coast, Mircille became a vitally important positive influence on keeping this student in school. Mircille is a very caring, nurturing, and empathetic individual. She cares deeply about other's feelings, personal hardships. She is dependable and goes out of her way to help those in need. In addition, as a phenomenal teacher, she has been a very productive and valuable citizen. Having met many of Mircille's colleagues and students, I have heard them speak of these same qualities.

Mircille is not a violent person, nor is she a malicious individual. She is a good person. I hope that you find this to be a misunderstanding of an isolated incident that does not deserve severe punishment. I ask that you please weigh all the good that Mireille has done as a teacher and community activist against this single incident. She has much more to give to her community and university.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at lhortons@indiana.edu.

Sincerely,

LaMonda Horton-Stallings, Ph.D.



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August 7, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa Street
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Dear Honorable Brian Hill,

It is an honor to write a letter of support for Dr. Mircille Miller-Young, Associate Professor of Feminist Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara. I am currently embarking on my sixth year as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Spelman College. Before coming to Spelman, I spent the 2008-2009 academic year based at UC Santa Barbara as a Dissertation Fellow in the Black Studies Department. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Miller-Young, after admiring her important scholarly work for years. Dr. Miller-Young quickly became an example of an engaged, dedicated, intellectual role model who was very supportive of her students and junior colleagues. I have kept in touch with Dr. Miller-Young via social media, emails, and phone calls, and I have treasured the times when we have met at conferences over the years. I also had the pleasure of participating in the groundbreaking Black Sexual Economics conference that she helped to organize at Washington University in St. Louis in September 2013. I can say, without a doubt, that in all my interactions with Dr. Miller-Young, I have found her to be warm, friendly, compassionate, professional, and even-tempered.

The depictions of Dr. Mircille Miller-Young as a "crazed feminist studies professor" who bullies and taunts young people on the internet bears no resemblance whatsoever to the professional woman that I have known and worked closely with for several years. Far from being a violent or vindictive person, Dr. Miller-Young is an enthusiastic and intelligent scholar, mentor, and advisor who is committed to education, discussion, and debate. She is a generous and compassionate educator and scholar, and a valuable member of the intellectual community at UC Santa Barbara and beyond.

Sincerely,

Erica Lorraine Williams, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Anthropology

August 4, 2014

The Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

Dear Judge Hill,

I write in regard to the pending legal case against Mireille Miller-Young.

I have known Professor Miller-Young since 2005 when we met at an academic conference. Introduced by her former advisor, Professor Miller-Young and I share overlapping interests in the history of African American women and the relationship between sex and race in the United States. I am deeply familiar with her work as I was one of the readers of her tenure materials in 2011 and I enthusiastically supported her tenure and promotion at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her academic reputation is excellent; she is a careful scholar and a gifted teacher. I have had the opportunity to meet and talk with some of her former students who extol her gifts as a teacher and her ability to guide them through sometimes challenging and difficult materials with the aim of imparting skills of critical analysis and thoughtful engagement. This is, I think, important.

But in regards to the potential charges against her, what I want to convey most strongly is that Professor Miller-Young is widely known as a gentle and generous colleague. When I find myself in her company (as I did most recently in January of 2013 at an academic meeting in Paris) I am delighted, as I know I will learn something important from her during her presentation, and laugh with her during the break. She is funny and kind and, in a profession overflowing with self-congratulatory ego, intellectually modest. She works on a subject that is sometimes difficult for her audience, and as a result she conveys a kind of calm and careful regard in her presentations and her writings that allows us access to the work. I have never, even in the face of difficult confrontations, known her to be anything other than engaged and generous.

I am dismayed to learn about the charges against Miller-Young. What the video of the incident fails to capture is Miller-Young's prodigious impact as a teacher and a scholar, her commitment to her students, and her efforts to create productive and useful dialogue in her classrooms. All of this is very different than the strategy of using shocking and violent images to shut down dialogue as the SAH activists attempted to do. Their tactics, meant to traumatize, did exactly that. Miller-Young's actions should be mitigated both by her history as an educator as well as by her conviction that the SAH images were an assault on her students.

Professor Miller-Young is a woman who has devoted her life to the civil exchange of ideas and the cultivation of careful and critical thinking amongst the many students whose lives she has touched. I urge you to be lenient in your consideration of this case.

If I can offer any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.morgan@nyu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer L. Morgan
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Lisa Parks
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August 7, 2014

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Sincerely,



Lisa Parks, Ph.D.
Professor of Film and Media Studies
Director, Center for Information Technology and Society



Washington University in St. Louis

ARTS & SCIENCES

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

July 30, 2014

Dear Honorable Brian Hill:

I have known Dr. Mireille Miller-Young for almost a decade. In my time of knowing her, both as a fellow graduate student and a member of the black sexual economics scholars group, she has always been ambitious, generous, and kind. Together, we were young scholars who studied visual messages and interpreted the violence of those images---I, of black men, and her of black women in pornography. Over the years, we have become collaborators as to how we can assist people in seeing representations of black people differently and with more complexity. What I have always loved about Dr. Miller-Young is she has been consistently generous to those who agreed and disagreed with. Her passion for the type of complicated work she does—redeeming women who have been pretty much torn apart in our society as “dirty”—is commendable and an energy to which we, as academics, aspire. This concern for the “least of them” is what gravitated me to Dr. Miller-Young and continues our collegial relationship today.

Mireille is known in our group as the “bubbly” one. She never needs coffee; she is always smiling and upbeat, even in moments where would literally be tearing up her work in our workshops. Yet, she always understood this process of critique as most helpful. Indeed, Mireille was always as generous giving us feedback on our work—often given us verbal feedback, and then written feedback later. Most of us stopped at the discussion table, but Mireille always did more than she was asked. Never have I seen Mireille do anything other than support her colleagues, offer generous comments on our work, and celebrate our achievements. It is for this reason that I was saddened to end our group meeting last fall, at the close of our conference. Mireille, and other scholars, have been THE support network that has fostered my tenure in the academy and my passion for the work that I do.

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In the early spring semester,

I received a message from Mireille informing the group that she was having a baby. My first response was "this baby is blessed." Indeed, I know that this kid will have his/her own personal cheerleader, someone who will be consistent and caring in everything she does. For me, motherhood necessarily does this. Mireille's excitement for having a child, I knew from conversations we had in the group, was due to her trying several times over the years. Finally, she was able to share her joy in the world with a new "joy in her life." And what better life to have a "bubbly" passionate, professor mom.

I submit this letter simply as a reflection of some of what I most admire about Dr. Mireille Miller-Young. Over the years, I can recall hearing her students refer to her as "a great teacher who challenges and respects diverse opinions," or a "professor who wants students to be the best of themselves," or even her dissertating students saying things such as "mentor extraordinaire who goes beyond the call of duty." For this reason, the passion indicated in the events that call this letter into being, does not surprise me. However, the media interpretation of Dr. Miller-Young sounds nothing like the Mireille I have known for almost a decade. In all moments that we have shared in the university system—wonderful, hard, and even ugly—Dr. Miller-Young has been a champion for the good and the just.

Please accept tis letter as a testament to the character of Dr. Mireille Miller-Young and my relationship to her as a colleague and collaborator. Feel free to contact me with any questions, jmccunc@wustl.edu.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit C.



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August 12, 2014

Honorable Brian Hill
The Superior Court of Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93121

RE: Mirielle Young

Dear Judge Hill:

Professor Young has been a regular attender and participant at the Santa Barbara Friends Meeting (Quakers) for the past year. Her thoughtful contributions and profound sharing during our Meetings for Worship and her contributions to the other work of our meeting have been particularly valuable for all those present. She has wrestled with her next steps in relation to her upcoming prosecution decision with members of our Meeting. Her conscientious approach to this entire situation has been done from a moral and ethical vantage point. The Meeting is here to support her through the next period in her life.

Under the care of the Santa Barbara Friends Meeting is the Alternatives to Violence Project located in Santa Barbara, which encourages you to consider their workshops as part of her restitution. The chance for Ms. Young to participate in the series of three 18-hour workshops on conflict resolution. These workshops are offered both in the community as well as in 19 prisons throughout the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. At the end of these workshops she will be prepared to begin apprenticing as a facilitator, which is another 54 hours.

Evidence-based research has show that these highly participatory, cognitive behavioral change workshops reduce violence at a deeper, more permanent level than other anger management programs. Inmates and others who have taken them including correctional officers have been amazed with the change they experience in this workshop setting. This 40-year-old program is offered throughout the world including the U.S. and especially in countries that have experienced great violence such as Rwanda and Palestine. The workshops are being offered in Santa Barbara to gang members and at-risk youth as well as a widely diverse group of adults.

I urge you to look beyond the recent act of Ms. Young to explore the opportunity for her to make change by exploring the world of non-violence within this setting.

Sincerely,

Pat Hardy, President of AVP/California and
Member of Ministry and Care Committee SB Friends Meeting

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned declare:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County of Santa Barbara. My business address is 125 E. De La Guerra Street, Suite 102, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.

On August 13, 2014, I served the foregoing document entitled: **LETTERS RE SENTENCING** on the interested parties in this action by depositing a true copy thereof as follows:

Santa Barbara District Attorney's Office
Sr. Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen
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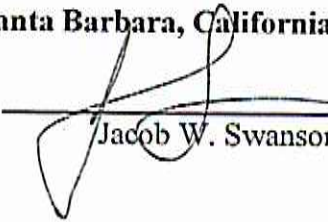
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Executed this August 13, 2014 at Santa Barbara, California.



Jacob W. Swanson