

David Lee Jackson is an African-American, who was born in Detroit/Michigan.

He was sentenced to death for the 1999 stabbing death of Daryl Brown, a convicted bank robber from New York. At that time David has already been in prison for weapon violation (illegal possession of a firearm) and bank robbery. He released upon completion of sentence would have been scheduled for 08/28/2015. David Lee Jackson is on death row in the federal prison in Terre Haute, IN, since March 2007.

He has been found guilty by the jury of the United States District Maria Crone in 2006. He was convicted of first degree murder, although he only defended his own life.

I was in the U.S. for several times to visit him. After having heard his own interpretation and after having read the official transcript of the proceedings in 2008, I knew that there was an innocent man condemned to death. It is in the instinct of every human to defend his own life in danger. Therefore I would like to publish his very special case and the related concern at his life.

The transcript of the hearing could not express that Mr. Jackson was a victim of his former lawyers, who literally have helped to condemn him to death. There is no doubt that they have never been on the side of the accused.

### **The case:**

David was the victim of a vicious attack by Daryl Brown, which forced him to defend himself to save his life. Brown was known throughout the federal prison system for his attacks on others, and was transferred on innumerable times from one institution to another.

These transfers have ultimately brought him and David in contact with each other at the U.S. federal prison, located in Beaumont, TX.

On December 16th in 1999 Brown attempted to rob David, and pressured him to pay when David was on his way to his unit. Brown stood there and waited for him. He pulled out a homemade knife and started to swing. David raised his hand in an attempt to defend himself, and was stabbed once in his hand. He was able to disarm Brown and the fight escalated into the housing unit cell, where David has injured Brown's aorta. After Brown was taken to the institutional hospital, where he sat for more than one hour, while he was waiting for the institution to allow the ambulance to take him to hospital. It was only when he reached the hospital 2 hours later that he was pronounced dead. For this reason we see, that the institution played a significant part in the death of Brown. Although Brown lay there during, the institution preferred to act only according to their rules of security.

Throughout David's trial, his lawyers worked against him several times, one of them being their investigation. The toxicology report showed that at the time when the incident happened, Brown was under the influence of drugs. Never did they present this to the jury. They also never did a thorough investigation of Brown's background, and allowed the prosecutor to do as he wanted.

Not once did they attempt to save David's life. David started to feel helpless, and attempted to inform the judge. But it was unsuccessful because of his lack of knowledge about the law. In another blunder by his lawyers, his final selection of a 12 member jury was not picked in the courtroom, but in the office of his lawyer.

David was not present during this selection. Under the statute of the federal law, it is required that an individual "must" be present during all parts of his trial, unless they have decided to waive their rights to this part of the trial.

David has never waived on his rights in fact when it was question about by the judge. They simply said that this is how they are doing it in this town, a blatant disregard of federal law.

Another significant point was the jury: 9 members out of 12 found David not to be the aggressor, but Brown. So David was found guilty and sentenced to die. This clearly shows that David's message never reached the jury.

There were also 3 witnesses that the prosecutor used against David. All 3 of them were given sentence reduction or they were released back into society.

Not once did David's lawyers do a thorough investigation of the background of these individuals.

All 3 were known to be liars and have received favors from the government for testifying in other cases before. One of the persons was released back to his home country, after he testified against David. Another one was given an earlier release and the last one was given a time reduction of his sentence. All 3 of them had significant backgrounds, which was played down by the prosecutor and made them apparently innocent citizens. A pedophile, a drug addict and the last have raped on numerable occasions. They were allowed to testify and to lie, only to help the prosecutor shape and win his case against him.

**The jury:**

Although the jury found David guilty of this crime, their reason was something other than their finding. In an affidavit, the juror said that "we did not want to give him a lighter sentence, because we felt that if we did, he would one day become like those who have testified against him".

We believe that if David would have been given a fair trial, the mounting evidence of this case would have set him free. David is the only one that sits on death row for defending his life.

Since the trial there has been new evidence that has been founded by David's new lawyers, who represent one of the largest law firms in the U.S.A and abroad. One of these issues has brought him a new hearing, which he presently awaits.

I visited David on death row and found in him a human being who has laid his life in the hands of God. He told me about his childhood in a poverty stricken home. His father was very dominating and abusing the entire family. There was a time when he was made to stand on the front porch in winter for hours with no shoes, for not having taken out the trash. At other times he was forced to steal food, because there was no food at home.

David was 13 years old, when he was forced to leave the house, and tried to survive only to wait by the basement window for his father to go to sleep. Then his mother came down and let him in. In 1992, his father died of cancer. In 2006, as David sat in the court room on trial, his mother passed away. He lost a half sister and a brother. He was never allowed to go to the funeral of one of them.

Death row has been rough for David. There are no jobs, the food is unfitting. It means a daily mental abuse of being in a cell 23 hours a day. No person should have to live like this.

**We seek your support in this cause to help get David a new trial and freedom. We believe that there is a significant amount of evidence in this case that will overturn it for a new trial with your support.**

I will visit him again this year, as it is my decision to see him free from this inhumane justice.

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