

GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PATRICK BOYLE AND I AM A RETIRED PHILADELPHIA POLICE DETECTIVE. I SERVED THE CITY FOR 38 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TESTIFY TODAY BECAUSE OF MY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND THE MURDER OF MY SON OFFICER DANIEL BOYLE.

DANNY WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 26TH POLICE DISTRICT. ON FEBRUARY 4, 1991, DAN REPORTED TO WORK AT MIDNIGHT. AT ABOUT 2:30AM DANNY OBSERVED A VEHICLE TRAVELING THE WRONG WAY ON A ONE WAY STREET; THE VEHICLE WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO MALES. DAN STOPPED THE VEHICLE WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN EARLIER, THE DRIVER JUMPED FROM THE AUTO AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN FIRING A 9MM SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN AT DAN. ONE OF THE THIRTEEN SHOTS FIRED STRUCK DAN IN THE RIGHT TEMPLE. DANNY DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON FEBRUARY 6, 1991. DANNY WAS 21 YEARS OLD AND SERVED WITH PRIDE AND DISTINCTION FOR ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY.

DANNYS KILLER WAS ARRESTED, TRIED AND CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND SENTENCED TO DEATH. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRIAL, THE PRESIDING JUDGE BIUNO, STATED IN OPEN COURT AND FOR THE RECORD THAT DANNY'S MURDER SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED, THAT HIS KILLER HAD BEEN RELEASED BECAUSE OF THE PRISON CAP THAT WAS ONGOING AT THAT TIME. THE KILLER HAD BEEN ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES PRIOR TO THE KILLING OF DAN. EACH ARREST HE WAS RELEASED WITHOUT POSTING ANY TYPE OF BOND AND HAD SEVERAL BENCH WARRENTS, BUT WAS RELEASED BECAUSE OF THE PRISON CAP. THANKS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNN ABRAHAM AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY SARAH HART WE WERE ABLE TO PUT A STOP TO THIS INSANITY.

BUT HERE I SIT EIGHTEEN YEARS LATER, STILL WAITING FOR JUSTICE FOR DANNY'S DEATH. HERE I FIND MYSELF TESTIFYING BEFORE A PANEL CONCERNED WITH INJUSTICE. IT'S NOT THE PRISON CAP BUT THE EARLY RELEASE THROUGH PROBATION OR PAROLE OF VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINALS. WE HAVE LOST TOO MANY POLICE OFFICERS THIS

PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. ALL POLICE OFFICERS ACCEPT THE RISK WHEN THEY PIN ON THE BADGE. WE ARE FORCING OUR OFFICERS TO PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK, TIME AND AGAIN REARRESTING CAREER CRIMINALS.

I AM NOT SUGGESTING WE DO AWAY WITH PROBATION OR PAROLE, BUT I AM ASKING THAT VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINALS SERVE THEIR FULL SENTENCES. I DON'T HAVE TODAY'S STATISTICS BUT I'M QUITE SURE THE IMPACT ON THE LAWABIDING CITIZENS OF PHILADELPHIA HAS BEEN DEVASTATING; I KNOW THE IMPACT ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS CAUSED A DEEP SENSE OF LOSS AND FRUSTRATION. EACH POLICE OFFICER WHO DIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY BRINGS BACK THE LOSS OF OUR DANNY. WE, THE BOYLE FAMILY RELIEVE OUR LOSS AND PRAY FOR THE OTHER FAMILIES.

WHEN CANCER ATTACKS THE HUMAN BODY, WE DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ERADICATE THE CANCEROUS CELLS, WE UNDERGO OPERATIONS TO CUT OUT THE DEADLY CELLS, WE UNDERGO RADIATION AND CHEMOTHERAPY TO KILL THE CANCER CELLS BEFORE IT DESTROYS THE ENTIRE BODY. WE ARE FACING A CANCER IN OUR SOCIETY BY RELEASING VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINALS BACK INTO OUR MIDST; SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO CAUSE PAIN AND SORROW ON THE GOOD PEOPLE OF OUR CITY. WE MUST ISOLATE THIS CANCER ON OUR SOCIETY BEFORE IT CAUSES MORE INNOCENT LIVES OR THE LIVES OF MORE POLICE OFFICERS. THANK YOU