A CALL FOR JUSTICE
A HORRENDOUS HISTORIC POLITICAL PRISONERS STORY

In the Declaration of independence Thomas Jefferson wrote "We hold there truths to be self-evident, that all men are created Equal." The Ninth Commandment in the Holy Bible says "you shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor". EX.20:16. If either of these prerequisites are undeniable rights, or sins, then the highest ranking Government Officials in the State of Alabama are guilty of them both. The State of Alabama, left unchecked, will continue to incarcerate massive number of its poor and minority citizens as reflected by the following true story.

YOUTHFUL INDISCRETION

On or about August 10, 1983, Stanley Wilson, Michael Thornton and Kenneth Thronton, three teenage black youths, like so many other youths in our society, decided to venture in the community to have a good time, a diversion from doing good at work and in school. The commission of a crime was not even a remote possibility in either of these youth minds.

During their adventuresome pursuit the three youths encountered upon the acquaintance of Wanda Jones, a white female of similar age, at a party at the Baby Doe Restaurant in Birmingham, Al. Most persons attending this party indulged in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and other narcotics, including Wilson, Jones, and the Thronton Brothers. By mutual consent Wilson, Jones, and the Thronton's agreed to go to the Thronton's residence to continue to party and have some fun. At this private party
these boys engaged in sex with Jones with her consent. Wanda Jones, for reasons when becoming truthfully revealed, show she falsely accused these youths of a number of unimaginable criminal offenses. These false accusations led to the prosecution, conviction, and incarceration of each youth for the offenses of rape, sodomy, and kidnapping. The truth of this incident will prove that the only thing that was actually kidnapped were the accused rights to a fair trial, and right to "Justice".

**SCOTTOBO BOYS RESURRECTION**

The criminal accusations and charges levied against these innocent youths is reminiscent of the similar accusation and criminal convictions of the "Scottboro boys" in Alabama in the 1930's. Here again was a white woman accusations that black boys had raped and abused her. Here again would State prosecutors trump upon the fears, ignorance, and racial prejudices of its citizens to convict three black youths of heinous crimes they stood innocent of committing.

**DIVIDE AND CONQUER**

(How things remain the same) for centuries the aristocratic society who maintain governmental control of the State, have promulgated an unyielding doctrine of, "if it ain't broke don't fix it".

Nothing could exemplify the truth of this mentality more than the state brokers unwillingness to rewrite the most racist, antiquated, and longest state constitutions in America. Admittedly drafted by white Supremacy Rule (1901), it was drafted to insure Governmental Powers Perpetually remained within the
easy grasp of the "GOODOLD BOYS", while promoting a continual state of racial divide, and discord. The State's criminal Justice system is founded upon this same premises, and employed these same tactics to divide communities, races, and even the defendants to obtain convictions in this case. Ultimately the Throntons plead guilty and was sentenced to forty (40) years as state witnesses. Wilson was first tried and convicted of (3) offenses, acquitted of 1° Robbery and sentenced to a total of 218 years. Upon a case reversal due to an unfair trial, Wilson was coerced to plead guilty and received a life sentence. All three men currently remain in a Alabama Prison.

POLITICAL/SOCIAL PRISONERS

In order to obtain false testimony and guilty pleas the state enticed the boys with several promises, for example to not protest their release on parole. It should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with Alabama Politics, the state eventually reneged on these promises. (See; Attached News Article)

But even more alarming and disturbing is the fact that Government officials seized upon the opportunity to promote their careers and racial discord, by polishing the lies of this case, for political gains. It's time the truth of this case be revealed TO TELL THE TRUTH (ACTUAL INNOCENCE)

Were the truth to be told, and all facts and evidence in this case would clearly show and prove that Stanley Wilson is actually innocent of these convicted offenses.
The State have made no secret that Wilson is a Political social prisoner, and as such the real truth must be held captive, like himself, forever.

As a person actually innocent of this offense, and now held captive for political gain; I respectfully and humbly seek your assistance.

"To tell the truth". I believe only the Truth, which is my actual innocence, will set me free.

I desperately need your assistance.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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Parole again denied in ‘Baby Doe’s’ rape

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MONTGOMERY — Two brothers whose case has become a political hot potato for the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles were denied parole again Tuesday for their roles in the 1983 "Baby Doe's" rape.

At parole hearings for Kenneth and Michael Thornton, the side of the room reserved for supporters of victim Wanda Jones was packed with law officers and victims advocates. Two district attorneys, a sheriff and representatives from the governor's office and the attorney general's office spoke against their release. Both men have served 21 years of their 40-year sentences in the Jefferson County case.

"If there ever was a man who deserved to remain in prison, to occupy one of those beds, it is this defendant," Montgomery County District Attorney Ellen Brooks told the board.

The two men's brother and mother spoke for them. Prisoner advocate Roberta Franklin arrived a few minutes late but spoke during the second hearing for Michael Thornton's release.

"A few years ago, this was a very political case, a case where they were granted parole," Franklin said. "I'm simply asking you to right a wrong that was done to the Thomptons then."

Jones was 23 when she was kidnapped.

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from the parking lot of Baby Doe's Matchless Mine, a Birmingham restaurant, taken to a house and gang-raped by several men. The Thomptons were given 40-year sentences for the attack after an appeals court threw out their original convictions because prosecutors unfairly kept blacks off the jury.

In 2000, the parole board, composed of different members, voted to parole the brothers. Then-Gov. Don Siegelman protested, and the paroles were rescinded. A judge voided the paroles and ruled the board had violated the law by not notifying Jones of a pre-hearing screening. Siegelman then ordered the board to stop paroles until it could comply with the law.

Tuesday, law officers told the board that the men had never apologized or shown remorse, and they hadn't changed their attitudes enough to allow them to be released. They said the brothers never turned in their accomplices.

"The first thing someone in Kenneth's situation should do is admit their guilt to themselves, to their victim, to their family, and that has not happened in this case," Jefferson County District Attorney David Barber told the board. He said the same thing about Michael Thornton.

The Thornton family maintained that the brothers have not apologized because Jones knew them and the incident was not a gang-rape but a party that got out of hand.

"We didn't come down here to fight or nothing like that," the Rev. Thomas Thornton Jr., their brother, told the board. "We have been quiet and we have sat peacefully through this ordeal."

The pastor later produced a transcript of the plea agreement between his brothers and the Jefferson County District Attorney's office in which the prosecutor agreed not to protest parole if the men's parole were accepted.

Barber said he wasn't aware of any such agreement.

Jones, 44, who spent several years in Antigua but now owns a Trussville antique mall, told the board her life was changed forever by the rape.

"I'll never go back to who I was before this happened," she said. "I'm not here because I'm vindictive. I'm not here because I'm angry."

She said she was at the hearing because she vowed after surviving that night that she would never stop fighting to make sure her attackers paid for what they did.

Claims that she was a willing participant or part of a party that went wrong "go so far beyond comprehensible to me that I cannot even comprehend it," Jones said.

The parole board put off another hearing for the brothers until November 2009, the longest possible reset date.

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Deny paroles to Thornton brothers

THE ISSUE  Kenneth and Michael Thornton still haven’t shown they deserve to be released from prison for their role in the kidnapping and brutal rape of Wanda Jones.

The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles is working extra people and longer shifts to help relieve prison overcrowding, but brothers Kenneth and Michael Thornton, up for parole yet again, must stay right where they are.

The Thorntons, along with Stanley Wilson, kidnapped and brutally gang raped Wanda Jones in 1983. Jones was taken from outside the former Baby Does’ Matchless Mine Restaurant off Valley Avenue, sexually and physically tortured for six hours by Wilson, the Thorntons and four other men, then released battered and bleeding in a parking lot in Roebuck.

Jones has lived with the horror of the crime each and every day for more than 20 years, and she is subjected to profound dismay each time Wilson and the Thorntons come up for parole.

It was only two years ago that the Thorntons were last before the parole board. In the name of justice, the parole board must deny their release again today — for Jones and for the public. While the Thorntons have served a little more than half their 40-year sentences, they have shown little remorse for their crimes. If the Thorntons truly were worthy of parole, they would have apologized long ago and identified the other men who were with them and Wilson the night they abducted and raped Jones. They haven’t done that.

The Thorntons and Wilson originally were convicted in a trial and sentenced, but their sentences were overturned. Instead of going through another trial, the trio pleaded guilty. Wilson, described as the ring leader, received a life sentence, while the Thornton brothers agreed to 40 years each. The Thorntons have served just more than 20 years, not even close to 40 years.

Until the Thornton brothers admit their crimes, show remorse and identify their cohorts, they shouldn’t be seriously considered for early release. These are violent men, and in their violence they sentenced Jones to a lifetime of terror and dread.

The state must protect the public from these brutes. The Thornton brothers are a couple of good reasons why society must have prisons to begin with.
Ordeal for Wanda Jones never ends

For Wanda Jones, Tuesday morning was like too many other mornings in her life.

After a restless night, Jones was up at 3 a.m., getting ready to make the long, quiet drive south to Montgomery so that by 7 o’clock she could be signed in at the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles.

For at least a half-dozen times, Jones has made the same trek, a determined journey to keep in prison the men who kidnapped and raped her in 1983.

This time, it was parole hearings for brothers Kenneth and Michael Thornton — at least the fourth time over the past four years that Jones has appeared to protest their early release. The Thorntons have served half of a 40-year sentence. Another of the rapists, Stanley Wilson, is in prison for “life,” yet he has a parole hearing next year.

These are not “reformed” criminals; they are not “victims” of the system, either, despite what they and their families contend.

There is one victim in this tragic story: Jones.

Night to forget

On a humid August night in 1983, Jones, out with her husband for a friend’s birthday, was forced into a car in the parking lot at the Baby Doo’s Matchless Mine Restaurant off Valley Avenue. Over the next six hours, she was physically and sexually tortured by Wilson, the Thornton brothers and four other men. The 23-year-old finally was released, battered and bleeding, in a Roebuck parking lot.

Jones was able to identify three of her abductors — Wilson and the Thorntons — but the others remain unidentified. Wilson and the Thorntons know who they are, yet these men are so numb to decency that they remain quiet. Neither have they shown a trace of remorse for the brutality they inflicted upon Jones. They have followed a familiar pattern of rapists: They blame their victim.

Jones maintains a dignity and courage that demand respect and admiration. Over and over, at parole hearings, interviews, through her advocacy for victims, she relives that terrible night.

Jones relives that night on the quiet evenings, too, when she’s alone and her mind begins clearing from a day’s events.

“All they have ever done is throw the blame back on me,” Jones says. “But I’m the only person who has never changed the story. I don’t have to embellish it, make it worse than it is. It’s bad

In the past, the Thorntons and Wilson have come close to being released. A goofy parole board four years ago granted parole for the men. That decision eventually was overturned. A couple years ago, parole again was denied, though set for review in two years, which came yesterday.

Jones, with Jefferson County District Attorney David Barber, Sheriff Mike Hale, and representatives from the governor’s and attorney general’s offices, among others, faced another parole board.

“This was a much better situation than we had the last time we came,” Jones says. “I felt this board listened to what we had to say. They were aware of the case.”

This time, there was no messiying around. The parole board was emphatic, denying the Thorntons early release and setting the next mandatory hearing a maximum five years away. There’s no reason to think Wilson won’t get the same treatment at his hearing next year.

Easy to remember

Jones knows well what she must endure, yet she says she will fight against Wilson’s and the Thorntons’ paroles “as long as it takes.” She isn’t out for revenge, she says; simply, for justice.

“Michael and Kenneth Thornton had an opportunity that night to help me, but they didn’t,” she says. “They participated.”

Nor does she expect Wilson, the Thorntons or their families ever to apologize or ask for forgiveness: “I think if they truly were sorry and truly wanted to be forgiven, they would have asked a long time ago. I think it’s too late to make me feel any differently about them.”

For now, yet another parole hearing has passed, justice — often an ugly, torturous process for victims — is served.

“It will take me a couple of days to get back on an even keel,” Jones says. “This sends me back to a place I don’t want to go. It’ll take me a while to get out, to get back to some kind of normalcy.”

For Wanda Jones, that terrible night so long ago is still too easy to remember.

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