

March 19th 2019

Allegheny County District Attorneys Office
C/O ADA Fitzsimmons & Foglia
Room 303 Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Dear ADA Fitzsimmons & Fodi,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my family to thank you for all the hard work, the sleepless nights and genuine effort you have invested in seeking justice for my son Antwon Rose II. In private and sometimes publicly, I have directed my frustrations with this process at your office. I want you to know, it was never because I doubted your abilities. I am Antwon's mom. When it is all said and done I will still be his mom and I will continue to fight for his legacy and memory at every turn. However, throughout this process you two gentlemen have been patient, you have worked to keep me informed and you have made it your responsibility to give me peace during times of agitation. Thank you.

I know every mother believes their child is "exceptional" and as victim advocates it probably sounds repetitious to you. I am asking you not to take my word for it. Please remember what everyone in the community that knew Antwon had to say about him. As I sit through the trial and the defense discusses the dangers of the community where Antwon lived and the criminal element all around him— even the allegations of criminal involvement on the day he was killed— I am reminded just how unique he was. He was a rose that grew from concrete. Despite darkness all around him he was kind, loving and funny. The smile that emanates from his pictures really reflects who he was. He was quick witted and hilarious. His friends say he was one of the best of skiers they knew. He taught the kids in our neighborhood to roller blade, skateboard, and even gave the kids his own roller blades and skateboards to use! (Only for me to replace them.) I always wanted Antwon to know how much I loved him and now I realize how much he was loved by everyone else around us!

I know you have a strategy to obtain a conviction. I don't know anything about trial strategy but I know it is important that the jury has a chance to hear who my son was. They deserve to know the real him. The defense has tried to make him out to be "just another thug". Please let the jury know who he really was. I have faith that the outcome is inevitable. More importantly, I have faith in the two of you! I appreciate all of your dedication. Please know it is not in vein. I truly believe the two of you are just as committed to getting justice for Antwon as I am, as my family is and all of the lovers and supporters of justice for Antwon are! I thank you for understanding my overbearing, protective and sometimes bossy nature. I am, and will always be Antwon's mom and I take great pride in it.

Sincerely,
Michelle Kenney, Mother of Antwon Rose II