

STATEMENT OF OFFIE LEE GREEN

My name is Offie Green. I am the mother of Marilyn Green, one of the victims of the crime for which Anthony Porter was convicted and is to be executed On September 23.

I believe that killing Anthony Porter is not going to bring my daughter back. Don't kill him on account of me. Taking another life would not solve anything regardless of whether he did it or not. If the state is doing it to please me, it is not pleasing me.

Mr. Porter told me in court: "Ma'am, I did not kill your daughter." I believed him because of how he looked at me when he said it, and because I believe that who killed my daughter was her friend Inez and Inez' boyfriend, not Anthony Porter.

*Inez Jackson* → Inez was Marilyn's friend and lived near us. Marilyn had left the house that evening with Jerry Hillard and Inez and Inez' boyfriend to go to Washington Park. Inez's boyfriend was just released from the penitentiary in that past week. My daughter had just cashed her welfare check and had the money and her foodstamps with her. → *A story Simon*

When Marilyn was killed, Inez did not come back and let me know that my daughter had gotten shot and was dead. And she and her boyfriend suddenly moved out of town a few hours after the murder, before 5 a.m. that Sunday morning.

Ever since my daughter been killed, I always felt like it was Inez who caused her death. If something happened to your friend, you are not going to run away; you are going to go to her family and tell them. If Inez had gotten hurt or killed, my daughter wouldn't have left like that. I believe Inez took her money because Inez did not have no money. And I believe that Inez had lured my daughter to Washington Park to set her up to be robbed.

I told the police about my suspicions. I don't know if they ever investigated Inez and her boyfriend.

I will never get over my daughter's death. But killing Anthony Porter is not going to bring her back. I don't want Anthony to be executed because the Lord said, "Vengeance is mine."

Even if Anthony is guilty, if you kill him, he have nothing to worry about or think about, but if you let him live, he got to live with this the rest of his days. Let him live and work it out with his God. Please don't kill him on account of me. I do not want that on my conscience.

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