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Honorable - Judge Carter

IM Yolanda Turcios Mother of Morena Vanegas  
and grandmother of Andrea, Susana and Saul  
who you take away their lives the most misera-  
ble way, Caleb, IM asking you! if that happened to your  
family how you feeling? Do you have answers  
to me.

you has been changed all my life, also my  
Grandchildren too, they don't have any more  
their mother.

My life is not the same since I lost my -  
daughter IM feeling a Big empty space in  
my heart.

Every day that is passing I remember my  
daughter and my Grandchildren, A lovely  
mother and lovely daughter, Andrea, and  
Susana always can see their faces so -  
Happy.

it is not fair that way that you take  
their life, you destroyed my life and the  
life of these family. - NEVER IM going to

Recovery from my Daughter lost. -

you are in Jail but you're alive, as mother and grandmom I CRYED FOR MY DAUGHTER.

I don't have any more with me. I feel that I am so empty.

I ask you to please forgive what you did, Because I Believe on The Justice of this country.

Caleb God Bless you.

Yolanda - Jucios

you have been through a lot of pain since you were young.

These moments in my life are the ones that I will never forget.

My daughter is a beautiful girl and I love her very much.

She is a person who is always smiling and making people happy.

I hope you can find some peace and happiness in your life.

I love you very much and I will always be there for you.

Life of these people is very hard and I hope you can find some joy.

**VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT – Sentencing of Caleb Lacey**  
**April 9, 2010**

by Edit Vanegas

Dear Judge Carter,

I stand before you today as a father and a husband who has lost everything. The morning of February 19, 2009 will forever be in my memory. I replay in my mind my two daughters, Susana and Andrea, screaming for their Daddy to help them and I couldn't get to them. I hear those voices everyday. I felt so helpless knowing there was nothing I could do and knowing how much they were hurting and suffering. It's something I can't get out of my mind. I don't understand why Caleb Lacey would set a fire knowing that the entire family was sleeping. Why?

I miss my daughters so much. They would always teach me English and bake for me. We used to go to church together as a family. We used to do a lot of things together as a family; go shopping, go to the beach, the pool, soccer games. Now it's very difficult for me. When I do anything with my boys we don't feel complete because there are four people missing.

What Caleb Lacey did was cowardly and cruel. If he had a problem with

someone in my family, why didn't he come to me like a man and talk with me? No, he did the cowardly thing and waited until the entire family was asleep and started a fire in the only doorway out of our apartment, trapping us.

My boys are heartbroken without their mother, sisters and brother. They are not the same as they used to be before this happened. They are both in counseling and Eddie is on medication. They were there that night and will never be able to forget. They loved their mother. She used to do everything for them. She would go to their school and talk with their teachers to find out what they should be doing and what they were learning in class. She would read the Bible with them every night and they would pray together. I don't understand why someone would commit such a cruel act. It takes a heartless person to do that. Everyone here knows Caleb Lacey lit that fire. He confessed to it! How would you feel Caleb if someone murdered your entire family? Why did his attorney accuse me when he knew his client confessed to the murder?

My girls always wanted to meet my mother who lives in El Salvador and my mother always wanted them to come see her. I was going to bring my

family to El Salvador. Now, she will never get to meet her two granddaughters. My mother has suffered too because of this. She has been physically sick knowing what all of us are going through and what happened to our family.

I have been unable to work since February 19,2009. I wake up every morning and think that I don't want to wake up but I remember Eddie and Leonel and know that I have to get up for them. I can't concentrate on anything except my family and what they went through before they died. I can't stop thinking about how they suffered because of you Caleb Lacey. Your honor, I know nothing can bring back my family and no matter how long he's in prison it will never be long enough but Caleb Lacey deserves to get the maximum sentence allowed by law. He murdered four people!! He took the lives of four innocent people who were kind, gentle, loving and giving people, characteristics that are foreign to someone like Caleb Lacey! Thank you, Judge Carter, for allowing my family to speak today and let you know how important and special my family was.

Edit Vanegas

## VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

Presented by America Chavez on April 9, 2010

Dear Judge Carter,

It has been over a year since the brutal murders of my sister, Morena, my nieces, Andrea and Susana and my nephew, Saul, who were burned alive by a cold blooded killer named Caleb Lacey. My sister was the most loving and giving person. She would do anything to help people. She would take homeless people to her home and give them food and a warm place to stay until they got on their feet. She was a wonderful sister to me, the best mother. She would do anything for her children. She would even give her life for them, like she did. A good daughter, good friend and a good neighbor. She was an Angel on Earth.

Andrea was a sweet little girl, smart and loving. She wanted to be the best soccer player and she wanted to be a doctor. She had so many dreams. But her life was taken away by an evil being who burned her alive. Caleb Lacey, you are an evil monster.

Susana was so sweet. She loved playing the violin. Now she plays the violin in the presence of God. She used to love making cakes and she would call me to go to her house and eat her cake. I miss them so much. She always helped her twin brother, Leonel, to do his homework. She wanted to be a teacher, but she was also burned by that monster, who has no remorse, no heart towards other innocent lives.

Saul was a good son, brother, nephew, friend and a good father to his baby, Jaiden. He always took care of his little brothers and sisters. He worked in a restaurant and every night he used to bring pizza for his little brother and sisters. February 19, 2009 was the last pizza he brought to his brother and sisters. Saul was a great father but sadly Saul never got to see his son's first birthday. Baby Jaiden was only 10 months old when his father was also burned alive by a devil's disciple.

Ever since February 19, 2009, I have had no peace. I feel empty. I miss them so much. It is still hard for me and my family to believe that they are gone. I miss their smiles. Caleb Lacey - you are a

monster, a cold blooded killer. Because of you my two little nephews, Leonel and Eddie, and my nephew Jose had to suffer so much. They are so scared to go to sleep, thinking they are going to be burned like their mother, sisters and brother. They were forced to grow up too fast. They had to get a lot of therapy. They cry a lot because you killed their mom, their sisters and Saul. They have to endure the worst nightmares. They can't sleep. They will never have their mom to read them a story at night. They won't have a mom to be there when they graduate or get married. Little Jaiden Preza won't have a father to play with him or take him to school. He will never know his father because you, Caleb Lacey, also burned him alive.

Caleb Lacey, you not only took the lives of my sister Morena, Andrea Susana and Saul, on that cold morning of February 19, 2009, you also took a whole family by breaking our hearts. Your senseless greed and cruel act forever affected us. There is no punishment that can make up for our loss.

I used to look forward to the holidays with my family and now there

is a void as the holiday season approaches. The memories of the past come to me and I break down and cry, because without them it will never be the same.

My two nephews had to suffer so much. It is so sad to see them cry and ask for mommy. They go to the grave a lot and talk to their mom, Susana, Andrea and Saul. That is all we have...a cold, damp piece of dirt. Thanks to you Caleb Lacey little Eddie had to be put on medication because he is so traumatized, so scared and Leonel too.

Since they were killed I have suffered many physical problems.. headaches, chest pains and I had to quit my job because I couldn't concentrate. My mind is always on my sister, Andrea, Susana and Saul. It is so painful for our family, and so sad for my 3 nephews. They have lost forever the warm, tender loving touch of their mother and little Jaiden has lost the love of his father forever. There are no words to describe the pain we have. I can only wonder about the fear and pain my sister, Susana, Andrea and Saul felt as they were burning, trying to get out of the fire, but they

couldn't. Caleb Lacey, you are so cruel. You knew they were sleeping when you lit the fire. You are a monster and you deserve to stay in jail for the rest of your life and think about what you did to two beautiful innocent girls and to my sister, Morena, and Saul. Caleb Lacey you are so cruel. You waited and waited until Saul came home and then you set the fire. Why did you kill my family? You have no heart or soul. I have no doubt you killed my beautiful family. You confessed to the police. I heard your confession. You are a monster. You are a coward with no remorse. But there is a God and he will deal with you.

Thank you your Honor.

~~I would like to thank Assistant District Attorney, Michael Canty for all his hard work, Detectives Carl Re, Pete McGinn and Brian Kaminski for a great job and Patti Chave for all her support.~~

I would like to thank the jury who found Caleb Lacey guilty for killing my family and thank you Judge Carter for allowing me to address the court.

I would like you to sentence Caleb Lacey to the maximum sentence

allowed my law for this horrible crime. Sentencing him to the maximum will give him time to think about what he did to an innocent family.

Thank you for allowing us to speak on behalf of my beautiful sister, Morena, my beautiful nieces, Andrea and Susana and my nephew, Saul.

Thank you your honor.

God Bless You.

America Chavez

DEAR JUDGE CARTER,

MY NAME IS LEONEL VANEgas, ON FEBRUARY 19  
2009 CALEB Lacey Kill MY MOTHER, ANDREA, SUSANA, SAUL. I FEEL  
VERY SAD. CALEB Lacey is <sup>A</sup>VERY BAD PERSON. I'm TELLING  
YOU JUDGE HOW I FEEL I FEEL VERY SAD BECAUSE ALL THE MEMORIES  
I HAD WITH THEM. I MISS ALL OF THEM SO MUCH!!!! I REMEMBER  
WHEN MY SISTER SUSANA WOULD DEFEND ME IN SCHOOL, AND WHEN  
ANDREA WOULD HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK, AND WHEN ME  
SUSANA AND ANDREA WOULD PLAY SOCCER AT MY Aunt AMERICA  
HOUSE SUSANA AND ANDREA WOULD ALWAYS BEAT ME. MY SISTER SUSANA  
USE TO PLAY THE VIOLIN. SHE WAS VERY GOOD AT IT. SUSANA ALWAYS  
WANTED TO BE <sup>A</sup> teacher IF SHE WAS HERE RIGHT NOW I BELIEVE SHE  
WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD teacher. IF ANDREA WAS HERE RIGHT  
NOW SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD DOCTOR. MY MOM WOULD  
ALWAYS COOK PANCAKES FOR ME, ~~she would also~~ SHE WOULD ALSO  
GIVE ME MY SISTERS, AND BROTHER MONEY, TO GO BUY SNACK  
FOR SCHOOL. I ALSO REMEMBER WHEN MY MOM WOULD PICK UP  
UP AT THE BUSSTOP. SHE WOULD ALWAYS TAKE ME TO MY SOCCER  
GAMES AND BUYED ME FOOD AFTER THE GAMES. I MISS MY MOM  
ANDREA, SAUL, SUSANA, I GO TO ~~visit~~ <sup>visit</sup> THEM IN THE CEMETERY.  
I WILL ALWAYS MISS ~~all~~ them AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE THEM. I FEEL  
SO SAD. PLEASE SEND CALEB TO JAIL FOR HIS LIFE. THANK YOU  
JUDGE.

I CRY a lot every day EVERY second, every minute FOR them. MY BROTHER SAUL I LOVED HIM SO MUCH HE WOULD ALWAYS GIVE ME SUSANA. AND REAL DOLLAR COINS TO BUY STUFF. HE WOULD LET US USE HIS PHONE.

When me and my twin sister Susana were turning ten years old she was not there with me to celebrate our birthday. We always celebrate our birthdays together EXCEPT 2009. She won't be with me to celebrate all the birthdays. I miss her a lot!!!

Caleb Lacey killed four innocent people He Deserves to be ~~in~~ in PRISON.

this pain will NEVER GO AWAY.  
I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS.

Dear Judge Carter,

My Name is Eddie Vanegas Jr and I am writing this letter because this horrible, No hearted, Now educated and Stupid thinking Caleb lacey Murdered My mom, two sisters, and older brother Saul, and to tell you the truth Judge Carter I miss my Mom!!! So much!!! Like those times she would send ME to pick up my little brother and little sister, Susana vanegas at the bus stop. She was only in third grade. Every time we were home my sister Andrea would always do her homework. Yes she was so smart, so educated. Man she wanted to be a teacher and yea I believed in her that she was going to be a teacher. But like again she's gone yea Andrea and me had some tough times it was not perfect but all wish was if I could have it all back. One thing that she loved was playing soccer with leonel and Susana. Man was she <sup>an</sup> amazing little sister I had. I miss her everyday everytime I'm alone everytime someone mentions my sister it just makes me so sad, depressed its just unbelievable, that my two sisters are gone, but its all Calebs fault that everything I love is taken away. Those times my mom made ~~me~~ <sup>thank</sup> every morning and when she was there for my 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation I was so happy. Her face is never going to leave my heart or head neither is Susana, Andrea and Saul. Judge Carter I ask you to please send Caleb lacey for life in prison for →

Killing one innocent Mother, two innocent girls and ~~and~~  
one innocent teenager. He killed 4 innocent people and he  
deserves to be in a place, which is prison. Thank you  
Honorable Judge Carter,