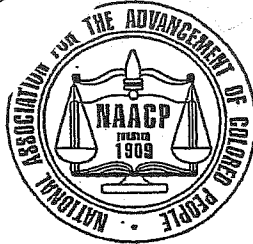


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TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: LABRON C. NEAL

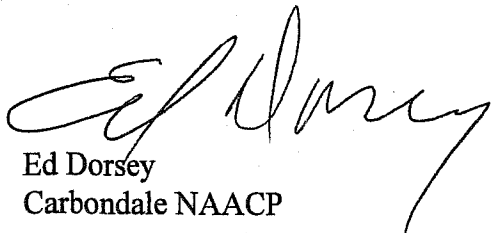
With no hesitation, I strongly recommend Labron C. Neal for early release from his Life Sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

I am a past president of the Carbondale NAACP Branch. I have known Labron for nearly twenty years. I am aware that when Labron was 17 years old, he was convicted and received a Life Sentence without Parole for the murder of two teens in 1997. Since that conviction, Labron has been incarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections. More importantly, I know that Labron has been a model inmate during the time that he has been in prison.

I can say with a great amount of certainty that Labron is a changed person today and that now he actively works to right the wrongs of his past. A product of Labron's commitment to good behavior is the Fall Back Movement which Labron created while in custody. The Fall Back Movement is an initiative that aims to steer individuals away from drugs, gangs and violence. Fall Back calls for criminals, gang members, drug dealers, ex-cons, and others to simply "Fall Back," which in this context means to withdraw from all criminal and destructive activity.

Fall Back has been growing throughout Illinois. In one particular year, Fall Back was responsible for more than 200 inmates renouncing their gang affiliations and pledging to obey the law. Former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn was one of several officials who publicly acknowledged the positive impact that Fall Back had within the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Considering the above, I strongly believe that Labron has paid his debt to society and that now it is time for him to be forgiven for the 1997 conviction and its life time penalty. Feel free to contact me (1) by email at: eddorsey@hotmail.com or (2) by phone at (618) 773-5150 .


Ed Dorsey
Carbondale NAACP

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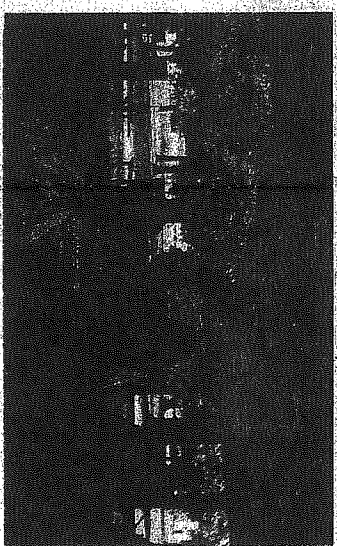
The Fall Back Movement aims at prevention for wayward youth

SCOTT FITZGERALD
THE SOUTHERN

CARBONDALE — He's miles away, locked up in Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet, serving life sentences for the shooting deaths of two Carbondale teenagers in 1997.

Labron Neal, 35, wants to prevent other youths from following the same road he's traveled so he is reaching out.

He reached out Saturday to dozens of people gathered at Attucks Park in the first gathering of The Fall Back Movement, a non-profit ministry Neal has founded from his prison cell. He is getting support and assistance from his mother, Luzetta Gibbs of Carbondale, to help form the community initiative geared toward reaching out to the youth and offering assistance in their battle against the destruction of drug-induced gang culture.



Pamela Humes (top) and Larronda Chick organize materials Saturday to be presented at first gathering of The Fall Back Movement in Attucks Park in Carbondale. **SCOTT FITZGERALD, THE SOUTHERN**

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keep young people aware of the consequences of their behaviors.

“The key is, you have to be educated about lifestyles and the consequences each kind of lifestyle carries,” Neal said.

He said, ultimately, everyone has to decide for themselves how they want to live their lives. But, if someone else can serve as a model or example,

that helps others with their decisions.

“I really want others to use my experience to help keep young people in line,” Neal said.

Young people who opt for the gang life need to ask themselves a few questions, Neal said, such as how many friends they are likely to make serving behind bars? And how many friends are dead and in the graveyard as the result of gang life?

“Why not invest in yourself? Why not try something else? See if this won't lead you to a better life. I find young people are willing to try it. It's the responsibility of those who supported negativity to take on the duty of cleaning it up,” Neal said.

Gibbs said a second gathering of The Fall Back Movement will be in mid-September.

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