

Cyntoia Brown

My heart skipped a beat and I felt very sad indeed to know that a child can be tried as an adult. I know some of the atrocities children do are of an adult nature and are things normally learnt from our peers who are mostly adults. Cyntoia was just 16 years old when she went to trial for murder, a murder that could have been avoided if some lobe didn't have the urge to have sex with a child. Perhaps he should have gone to jail instead - but then Cyntoia would still be out there being tormented by her pimp (what a sad life). Darned if you do, darned if you don't - but the decision to sentence her for murder was just as bad as Cyntoia pulling the trigger - two wrongs won't make her right again. I find her sentence harsh and unjustified. Someone, who at the end of the day, was not in total control of her life, being manipulated and under duress and being stood over by a pimp boyfriend of one sort or another. Even with the safety of loving and caring family and friends, she was still unsafe from the torture of the streets at an impressionable age. In doing time for murder myself and got life with a parole period of 20 years. My situation was only a fraction of the drama Cyntoia had endured and for a far less time for it to come to a demise - 5 months, compared to many years of assault, fear and sexual abuse. I am begging and pleading with the Tennessee judicial system to reassess Cyntoia's parole period and show some leniency to her age and way of life at the time of incident. Review her corrections record for behaviour improvements, who visits her and who she hangs around (with consideration to being in prison), I am confident that without the bad influence from the

pimp layfriends and the act of prostitution, Cyntoia will make vast improvements in her attitude and zest for life and deserves recognition of all the good things she has done and the inspiration Cyntoia will get knowing that even a hardened judicial system is humane and caring (great leaders inspire greatness in others). For someone to go through life with such atrocities happening to them mentally and physically, it will take a monumental effort for her to trust the system and believe that when she gets released, to be granted the right to be a moral citizen and have a normal life (as best she can) like most people take for granted.