

July 16, 2007

The Honorable Patricia Jessamy
Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office
208 Mitchell Courthouse
110 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Violent crime in the First District

Dear State's Attorney Jessamy:

So far in 2007 there have been six murders in the First Councilmanic District. This represents a very small percentage of the violent crime in Baltimore City, but it is vital to me and the communities I serve that we continue to send the message that even a single violent crime in our neighborhoods and in the city is unacceptable.

For this reason I ask that every violent crime committed be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. When necessary, mandatory sentencing and enhanced penalty notices must be issued and I would like to be copied on all notices that are issued for violent crimes in the first district.

Specifically I am asking that the following crimes, in addition to any future violent crime in the First District, receive such treatment.

- Kennis Lambert for the April 29th murder of Azerwoine Walker
- Maurice Crosby and Erica Ammenhauser for the June 10th murder of Michael Simms
- Trayvon Ramos, Arthur Jeter, Eric Price, and Wilburt Martin, for the June 2nd attempted murder of Zach Sowers

If you have any questions with regard hereto, then please contact me. Otherwise, I look forward to your timely written affirmation to this request.

Sincerely,

James B. Kraft