



GREENWOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"Serving Together With Our Community"

Sheriff Heath Samuels
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To whom it may concern,

Nineteen years ago, this past January, I lost my father. I wasn't granted an appeal to change the outcome that Scott Cheever's actions forced upon my family. However, my family has had to sit through numerous court hearings as he appeals his sentence. This continues to this day, even after he has "exhausted" his appeals.

In a way, each hearing brings the same emotions we faced 19 years ago. There is no question who committed the murder of my father. He took a life and was sentenced to death.

My father's life stopped 19 years ago when Scott Cheever pulled the trigger. Scott's, life continues although behind bars, he receives housing, meals, letters, visits from his family and so on. Scott continues to violate rules set forth by the facility and has even had the opportunity to get married while in custody.

Although Scott Cheever was sentenced to death, my family still has to fight for justice. The wounds are reopened when we attend various court hearings as he appeals a sentence to a crime that he admitted to doing. Numerous witnesses testified to his actions, yet; 19 years later we are still waiting for justice to be served.

I wish that someone could explain to my children why their grandfather's name (who they were never given the opportunity to meet) continues to be brought up in the news, or explain to them why the man who admitted to killing a Sheriff is still alive.

This bill will allow my family to get justice and stop enduring the constant judicial battle.

Please consider passing HB 2782.

Sheriff Heath Samuels
Greenwood County Sheriff
Son of Fallen Sheriff Matt Samuels