STATEMENT

Figures Also Worked To Reduce Sentences For Criminals And Paved The Way For Them To Be Released Back Onto Our Streets. Some Have Been Released As Part Of This Program Are Back In Prison In Alabama For Murder And Drug Trafficking.

Verification

Figures Said His Role In The White House Was Advising Loretta Lynch

In A 2016 Alabama Law Profile Of Figures It Says "Shomari Figures ('10) Advises The Nation's Top Prosecutor, Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch." ("Shomari Figures: Serving the Nation," Alabama Law, 12/9/16)

Figures Called Loretta Lynch's Delay In The Confirmation Process "Unjust" And Said Being A Part Of It Was "One Of My Proudest Moments." "Prior to working for the Department of Justice, Figures served as the Domestic Director of the Presidential Personnel Office at the White House. While there, Figures witnessed the process of Lynch being nominated and confirmed as Attorney General. 'Being a part of that nomination process, seeing the unjust delay in her confirmation — given her impeccable qualifications — seeing that come to fruition and seeing her confirmed was not a personal accomplishment, but it was definitely one of my proudest moments of being here,' he said." ("Shomari Figures: Serving the Nation," Alabama Law, 12/9/16)

Figures Said: "Every Major Accomplishment The Administration Makes, Especially On The Criminal Justice Side Or The Justice Side In General, Is Something I Feel A Personal Stake In." ("Shomari Figures: Serving the Nation," Alabama Law, 12/9/16)

In 2015, Lynch's Confirmation Was Delayed Over Her Handling Of A Global Tax Scandal Involving HSBC When They Helped Conceal Billions From Tax Authorities. "Senate Republicans are seizing on the global tax scandal engulfing HSBC to delay the confirmation of Loretta Lynch, Barack Obama's nominee for attorney general, the Guardian can reveal. The Republican chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, Chuck Grassley, was on Friday preparing a fresh tranche of questions for Lynch about the huge cache of leaked data showing how HSBC's subsidiary helped conceal billions of dollars from domestic tax authorities." (Paul Lewis, "Republicans seize on HSBC scandal to hold up Loretta Lynch's confirmation," The Guardian, 2/13/15)

Lynch Negotiates A Controversial Settlement With HSBC Who Laundered Money For Mexican Drug Cartels. "Lynch negotiated a controversial settlement with HSBC in 2012, after the bank admitted to facilitating money-laundering by Mexican drug cartels and helping clients evade US sanctions. Now there are questions over why she did not also pursue HSBC over evidence that its Swiss arm helped US taxpayers hide their assets. The secret bank files — obtained and examined in detail this week in a series of reports by the Guardian, CBS 60 Minutes and other media outlets — reveal that HSBC's Swiss arm colluded with some high net-worth individuals to hide their assets from tax authorities across the world." (Paul Lewis, "Republicans seize on HSBC scandal to hold up Loretta Lynch's confirmation," The Guardian, 2/13/15)

In 2016, Lynch Wrote An Op-Ed Titled "Remove Roadblocks Faced By Former Prisoners Re-Entering Society." (Loretta Lynch, "Remove roadblocks faced by former prisoners re-entering society," <u>USA Today</u>, 4/27/16)

Lynch Opened An Investigation Into The Chicago Police Department. (Phil Rogers, "U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch Announces Probe Into Chicago Police Department," NBC Chicago, 12/7/15)

In 2016, Lynch Announced A Lawsuit Against North Carolina Over Restricting Bathroom Access Based On A Person's Biological Sex. "That perception seemed to shift suddenly Monday when Lynch took the podium at the Justice Department to announce a lawsuit against North Carolina officials over a state law restricting bathroom access based on a person's biological sex. The speech drew immediate condemnation from supporters of North Carolina's law

and similar policies, and enthusiastic support from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community outraged by the laws." (Michael Pearson, "AG Loretta Lynch moves into spotlight with NC bathroom law speech," CNN, 5/10/16)

Figures Was Involved With Obama's Clemency Initiative Program

Figures Was Tasked With Updating Leadership Of The Clemency Initiative Program. "The position also comes with compelling responsibilities. Figures has been tasked with updating senior leadership about the status of the Clemency Initiative, a program announced in 2014 by former Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole that prioritizes the clemency applications of non-violent, low-level offenders with no significant criminal history or ties to large scale criminal organizations, and who have served at least 10 years in federal prison and who, by virtue of changes in law, would have likely received a substantially lower sentence today if convicted of the same crime." ("Shomari Figures: Serving the Nation," Alabama Law, 12/9/16)

The Clemency Program Worked To Lower Sentences For Criminals

Figures "Helps Implement" "Eradicating The Effects Of Harsh Sentencing Laws Of The War On Drugs." "Figures communicates with the Office of the Pardon Attorney and helps implement one of President Barack Obama's primary goals: eradicating the effects of the harsh sentencing laws of the 'war on drugs.'" ("Shomari Figures: Serving the Nation," <u>Alabama Law</u>, 12/9/16)

Ramiro Cervantes

In January 2017, Ramiro Cervantes Of Alabama Was Granted Clemency By Obama. (Department of Justice, Commutations Granted by President Barack H. Obama (2009-2017), Accessed 5/3/24)

- In September 2022, A Romiro Cervantes Was Arrested For Homicide In San Diego. "The San Diego Police Department says it made an arrest after one person was injured and another was killed in a shooting in Barrio Logan Friday night. SDPD says it arrested Ramiro Cervantes, 45, in connection to the shooting at around 11 p.m. when he surrendered to SWAT and the emergency negotiation team. Officers initially responded to the 2100 block of Logan Avenue around 7:40 p.m. when they received a report of a shooting. A 36-year-old man was at a local restaurant when a bullet passed through a wall and hit him in the head." (De'Anthony Taylor and Pat Mueller, "UPDATE: Suspect in custody after homicide at apartment near Barrio Logan brewery," ABC 10 News San Diego, 9/24/22)
- NOTE: It Has Not Been Confirmed This Is The Same Cervantes.

Joseph Burgos

Joseph Burgos, Alton Mills And Julian Wyre Were Granted Clemency From The Obama Administration. "Joseph Burgos was looking forward to his newfound freedom. He planned to write books, do some electrical work and help other ex-offenders. Alton Mills was hoping to see his daughter walk across a stage with her nursing degree after he got out of prison. They and a third Illinois man, Julian Wyre, are among more than 1,900 federal inmates who were freed when then-President Barack Obama granted them executive clemency — 13 times more than any other president had ever done." (Frank Main, "Obama's massive prisoner release led to Jesse Webster's Chicago success story and three failures," Chicago Sun Times, 12/8/23)

- "Burgos, Who Pleaded Guilty In September To A Drug Charge, Is Awaiting Sentencing For Smuggling Oxycodone Pills Laced With Fentanyl." (Frank Main, "Obama's massive prisoner release led to Jesse Webster's Chicago success story and three failures," Chicago Sun Times, 12/8/23)
- "Wyre Was Convicted This Past Week Of Selling Crack Cocaine Near Rockford."
- "And Mills Is Awaiting Trial For Murder In The Fatal Shooting Of A Woman In May In What The Police Say Was A Suburban Road-Rage Incident." (Frank Main, "Obama's massive prisoner release led to Jesse Webster's Chicago success story and three failures," Chicago Sun Times, 12/8/23)

Brosarick Ernesto

In January 2017, Brosarick Ernesto Trammell Of Alabama Was Granted Clemency By Obama. (Department of Justice, Commutations Granted by President Barack H. Obama (2009-2017), Accessed 5/3/24)

• In September 2023, Trammell Was Arrested For Possessing Drug Paraphernalia, Trafficking Fentanyl, Possession Of Marijuana And "Multiple Additional Charges." (Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, 9/16/23)

Richard David Courville

In December 2016, Richard David Courville Of Alabama Was Granted Clemency By Obama. (Department of Justice, Commutations Granted by President Barack H. Obama (2009-2017), Accessed 5/3/24)

• In November 2022, Courville Was Arrested In Iowa For Resisting An Officer, Two Counts Drug Possession, Violations Of Drug-Free Zones. (Crystal Stevenson, "11/1: Calcasieu Parish Sheriff announces arrest list," American Press, 11/1/22)

David Dejuan Wise

In August 2016, David Dejuan Wise Of Alabama Was Granted Clemency By Obama.

(Department of Justice, Commutations Granted by President Barack H. Obama (2009-2017), Accessed 5/3/24)

• In 2018, Wise Was Arrested For Selling Cocaine. "A Deatsville man was recently jailed after police say he sold \$300 worth of cocaine in Millbrook. David DeJuan Wise, 45, who lists an address on Deatsville Highway, was arrested by the Central Alabama Drug Task Force and charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance on Nov. 7. According to court documents, Wise's charge stems from an Oct. 17 incident, when he allegedly sold eight grams of powder cocaine during a controlled purchase conducted by task force agents in the Sandtown area of Millbrook." (Amalia Kotright, "Deatsville man charged with dealing cocaine," The Wetumpka Herald, 11/21/18)

In 2016, After A Round Of Commutations, Senator Shelby's Office Found 33 Recipients Of Clemency Also Had Illegal Gun Charges. "Senator Richard Shelby's office (R-AL) researched the list of criminals Obama has released thus far, they found a surprising statistic: 33 of them were convicted on at least one gun related offense. Despite calling for increased gun control during the course of his administration, the President's actions will put two felons convicted of gun related drug crime back on the streets of Alabama." (Jordan LaPorta, "Check out the rap sheet on the two Alabama crack dealers Obama just let out of prison," Yellow Hammer, 4/1/16)