Louisiana sentences more **children to death in prison**, per capita, than any other state.

The Supreme Court has ruled these sentences **unconstitutional** in all but the rarest cases.

Louisiana has **yet to comply** with the Supreme Court's rulings.

In 2017, we must allow children sentenced to die in prison an **opportunity for parole**.

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When Taurus was 16, he saw his younger cousins fighting with schoolmates on the street. Taurus intervened, hitting a boy who had knocked his cousin into a ditch. The boy fell to the ground where he was kicked by other kids. Tragically, the boy never got back up.

Taurus was sentenced to life without parole for murder, even though it was never clear if his single blow was the fatal one. He has spent the past 23 years in prison for a boyhood fight gone terribly wrong.

Taurus is now a beloved figure among wardens and fellow inmates alike. He has dedicated himself to learning and teaching others. He works as inmate counsel to his peers and even chooses hobbies, like cutting hair, that allow him to casually mentor other men. He deeply regrets his actions as a young man, but also values the improvements he has made to himself and the Angola community.

If given a second chance, Taurus would like to work in construction and volunteer to mentor at-risk youth.
In 1994, George was in the care of his 28-year-old brother, who
was then a police officer. After his home was burglarized, George’s
brother tracked down the two men who he thought were
responsible. With George in tow, his brother drove them to a field
where he killed one of the men. When the other tried to escape,
George shot him in the leg. George confessed to his involvement
in the crimes that same day.

23 years later, George is a changed man and a model prisoner. He
earned his GED and then his B.A. in Christian Ministry. He is a
Class A Trusty. He teaches anger management, victim
awareness, and Bible study to other incarcerated men.

Even without the possibility of his own release, George has
successfully mentored hundreds of men as part of Angola’s reentry
program. And even though he never had the opportunity to have
children of his own, George is the President of Malachi Dads, a
program to connect incarcerated fathers with their children.
Louis’s very first memory, at the age of 5, is of seeing his mother stick a needle in her arm. Because of her addiction, Louis and his family were constantly being kicked out of houses and scraping to get by.

At age 9, Louis started finding ways to buy food for his family. He shined shoes, washed windshields, and carried grocery bags to people’s cars – even though some were too heavy for him. At 12, the older boys in his neighborhood recruited “Little Louis” to sell drugs. Two weeks after turning 17, Louis was involved in a shoot-out that left one man dead.

Louis has since received his GED and Culinary Arts diploma. He is a Class A Trusty committed to being a model for other prisoners. Louis has received accolades for his work at Louisiana Aircraft Services.

“I have committed one of the worst crimes known to man,” he writes. “I was in an ignorant state and deserved to be punished. A fool stays the same but a wise man learns from his mistakes.”
By age 8, Toby had already attempted suicide twice. As a child, he suffered from depression, learning disabilities, and bullying. At 16, he dropped out of high school.

Soon after, Toby drove two older acquaintances to a convenience store to buy cigarettes. Toby waited in the car. Only later did he learn that the two had robbed and killed the store clerk. Still, Toby was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Now nearly 40 years old, Toby is considered a model prisoner. He has received his GED and a degree in carpentry. He attends Bible study and plays guitar at Sunday masses. He has completed just about every training offered at Angola.

If he does get the opportunity to go home, Toby wants to work as a carpenter and share his story with young people. He dreams of traveling the world one day, but mostly looks forward to reuniting with his mom, who he has been separated from for over 2 decades.