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Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
Daley Center Room 2600  
50 West Washington Street  
Chicago, Il 60602

Dear Judge Evans:

On behalf of and at the request of my Membership, I a writing to request that you look into a situation that has my Membership both disheartened and outraged. The situation concerns the recent murder of Chicago Police Officer Alejandro Valadez. Officer Valadez was murdered while on duty conducting an investigation of shots fired in the Englewood Community.

Shawn Gaston, I.R. #1472973 and Kevin Walker, I.R. #1758678 have been arrested and charged with the Murder of Officer Valadez. In reviewing the criminal history of both defendants, it has been noted that both had recently been convicted of serious and violent acts in the City of Chicago. It has also been noted that Gaston was on Probation, which had been violated, at the time of the Valadez murder, for which numerous continuances had been ordered the last of which is for 7 July '09. Walker was found guilty of an Attempted Armed Robbery [Attempted due to the act being interrupted by on duty Chicago Police Officers] and given probation in 2008.

These violent criminals received little or no penalty for their violent acts, acts which Officer Valadez and the Members of the Chicago Police Department do their best to prevent every day. The overcrowding of Cook County Jail is no longer a reason as to why the Judges in these cases found it necessary to release these individuals to continue to prey on society. The Membership of the Fraternal Order of Police are requesting an explanation from you as to the rational for Judges Lampkin and Davy in returning these individuals to the streets of this City. The explanation will not return Alejandro Valadez to our ranks, but it will potentially ease the frustration that is felt towards the system.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Donahue