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Governor Nikki Haley!

I'm sending you a copy  
of his book.

Will you please find it in your  
heart to give him a second chance  
in life.

Thank you, and your staff!

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Honorable Nikki Haley  
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Dear Governor Nikki Haley!

I'm writing you on the behalf of, Mr. Chad Robert Webb. Chad Webb, committed some crimes, when he was 18 years. He was sentenced to 116 years and which now he has served 25 years already. Chad Webb has asked for forgiveness for all his crimes. He has turned his life all the way around. He is a trustee in Laurens County Jail. He has written a small book, Telling about his wrong doing and convincing people to change ~~the~~ <sup>there</sup> life. It has made a different in alot of teens life.

I'm asking for your help.

Is there anyway you can help Chad Robert Webb get another chance in life to be released early.

1. There is a halfway house set up for him
2. Will will have to ~~be~~ attend a church. Have that as well.
3. He will have a job, within 30 days of his release
4. He will attend any classes you want him to attend.
5. I Lisa Renee McRae, will be his accountability partner. ~~Who~~ <sup>Will</sup> hold him to whatever is required of him.
6. He has his G.E.D. and has education in stock. He also has a job now.

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## AND FINALLY

WITH LYN RIDDLE

### On impacting one life, probably more

**A DOZEN YEARS AGO** Charles Privette was known as Mr. ISS.

He says it more bluntly: the school jailer.

He watched over the kids who caused just enough trouble to be kicked out of class but not enough to be kicked out of school. Tardies, mostly.

Back then there was this one young man who liked to draw. Privette let him because it kept him calm. Privette knew a little about him, his mother left when he was barely in elementary school. Through the years he floated between staying with his dad and his grandmother.

On Christmas Eve, the young man got into a fight with his father, who was angry about him skipping school and fighting. The father blurted out that he'd be glad when the son turned 18 in a month so he could kick him out of the house. The son responded with similar fury – why wait?

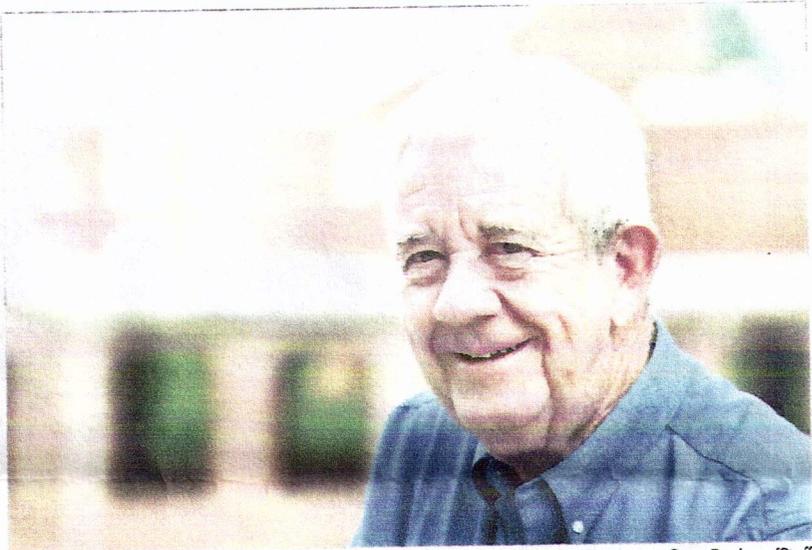
And he left.

That night he stole a car. He didn't care. Not about the person who owned the car. Not about his father. Not about himself. The next week he stole another. The crimes mounted, armed robbery, robbery, burglary. By February he was in the Greenville County Detention Center. He had just turned 18 and was four months shy of what could have been his high school graduation.

Instead, the young man was sent to Turbeville, a little town in Clarendon County, one of South Carolina's poorest places, to begin a 116-year prison sentence. The judge ordered the sentences to run concurrently so that means he would serve at least 85 percent of a 25-year sentence or slightly more than 21 years.

Chad Webb is 30 now, halfway through his prison time. And Charles Privette is one of his best buddies. Privette was who Webb called from the detention center after deputies, guided by heat-seeking helicopter, found him hiding in a tree.

Privette began visiting when Webb was sent to Perry Correctional in southern Greenville County and continued after Webb was relocated to Kershaw, north of



Greg Beckner/Staff

Charles Privette has been a mentor to Chad Webb since Webb's high school days.

Columbia. Privette has been his only visitor. He slips him motivational DVDs and books through the prison chaplain. He encourages his artwork and praises what Webb has learned about the stock market.

But then Webb did something for Privette, who was concerned about another young man he knew who seemed headed down that same wrong road Webb chose.

Privette asked Webb to write something to this young man to tell him straight what bad choices meant when they landed someone in prison.

Webb sat down and wrote out the equivalent of 13 typed pages – a visitors guide to life behind bars. This is not your Scared Straight version as frightening as that may be. Webb tells about a young boy, new to the system, who was attacked by another inmate for his \$35 tennis shoes. He writes about prison rape and being afraid, sometimes not because he will be a victim but because he will get in trouble for not allowing himself to be a victim. And he wonders what life will be like when he's a

40-year-old ex-con. He knows he had a lot of academic promise.

"I squandered it," Webb wrote.

Privette was so taken with the letter, he has decided he wants to publish it and make it available for free to any school principal who wants to show wayward kids how bad life can get.

Privette is 72. He's seen a lot of life as an insurance salesman, as co-owner with his wife of a Simpsonville bridal salon, as a photographer and as Mr. ISS.

"Chad has given me a better outlook on life," Privette said. "I appreciate the positive attitude the young man has."

Privette pauses a minute and says, "He's one person as a school jailer I've done good for. Maybe there are others."

Got a story to inspire,  
amuse, or entertain?



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