

**Help us put a face on sentencing injustice in Massachusetts**

If you or someone you love is serving a mandatory minimum for a drug offense in Massachusetts, please complete and return the enclosed profile form to FAMM. As our thanks, we will add you to our mailing list and send you the *FAMM Gram*, our quarterly newsletter.



**For more information about FAMM's Massachusetts campaign, please contact our Massachusetts Project at (617) 543-0878 or [bdougan@famm.org](mailto:bdougan@famm.org).**

**Visit our website at [www.famm.org](http://www.famm.org)**

FAMM cannot guarantee media coverage nor can we use every profile we receive. This does not mean that we don't value your information. Please don't be discouraged if we cannot accept your profile at the present time.



**Making the case for mandatory sentencing reform**

**How your story can help change drug sentencing laws**



**Please mail the profile form to:**

FAMM  
 Attn: Case Researcher  
 1612 K Street, NW, Suite 700  
 Washington, DC 20006

**Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM)** was established in 1991 to reform mandatory minimum sentencing laws that prevent courts from fitting the punishment to the individual and the crime.

FAMM works for fair and proportionate sentencing policies on the federal and state level. We educate lawmakers and the public about the harms caused by mandatory minimum drug sentences and why they should be changed.

FAMM's membership includes prisoners and their families, attorneys, judges, criminal justice experts and concerned citizens. FAMM promotes sentencing laws that are individualized, humane and sufficient, but not greater than necessary to impose just punishment, secure public safety and support successful rehabilitation and reentry.



## Tell us your story

FAMM uses profiles of people serving mandatory minimum sentences to show lawmakers, the public and the media how unjust these laws are.

We are looking for Massachusetts prisoners who are:

**SERVING** mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenses

**SERVING** mandatory minimum sentences for "school zone" offenses

**FIRST-TIME** or low level offenders who had a minor role in the offense

**PEOPLE** with no more than one or two minor prior convictions (no violent offenses)

**NOT CLAIMING INNOCENCE** and fully accept responsibility for their role in the offense

## Process

### What happens when I send my profile summary form to FAMM?

FAMM reviews all profile summary forms. We then contact those prisoners whose profiles most clearly show the injustices of mandatory minimum sentencing laws. We are a small organization and can only research a limited number of profiles. Although your sentence may be excessive, we cannot profile everyone. If your profile is selected, FAMM will need copies of key court documents and your background information. We then review the profile with the prisoner, **who must approve it** before it is used publicly.

### What information is contained in a profile?

A profile is typically a one or two page summary of the drug offense. It includes the prisoner's prior record, background information, and a photo of the prisoner with his or her family.

### If I submit a profile form, will FAMM act as my attorney?

No, FAMM does not have lawyers on staff to represent individual cases.

### How long is the profile review process?

We receive hundreds of profiles each year, so it could take up to six months for your profile to be reviewed. Please be patient if you have not heard from us.

### Do I need to be innocent of the charges?

No. FAMM is looking for people who accept responsibility for their actions, even if they disagree with the punishment. Above all, FAMM values honesty. We need you to give us accurate information about your case.