

1 place to address any feelings you may have toward
2 Mr. Searcy.

3 MS. BROOKS: That's all I want to say.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you so much.

5 MR. MUSCAT: Judge, I've spoken with many
6 family members of the victim. Some of them are not
7 here yet. But for the record this was a victim that
8 was simply driving a silver Corvette at the prong place
9 and wrong time, shot and killed because he had a car
10 similar to Mr. Searcy's rival. It's a very sad, very
11 sad case.

12 In regard to Mr. Mitchell's comment about
13 evidence that was tardy, there was an opportunity given
14 for Mr. Mitchell to explore that. I believe he made
15 his own decision on how he would approach it.

16 I have no comment. I believe the record
17 speaks for itself. But I ask the Court to impose the
18 mandatory sentence and the maximum sentence on the
19 second Count of AWIM.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 Mr. Mitchell, anything else?

22 MR. MITCHELL: Nothing further, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Searcy, what would you like
24 to say, sir?

25 DEFENDANT SEARCY: I would like to say for

1 the record, I would like this to be on the record. As
2 I stand before you today, no, I'm not guilty of these
3 charges brought against me. These charges are false.
4 I didn't kill Jamal Segars, and I didn't shoot Brian
5 Minner.

6 In this situation I thought justice would be
7 prevailed. But still as a young, black man in the
8 system today, I didn't have a chance, especially when
9 you have a lawyer that's supposed to be in your best
10 interest working against you.

11 By removing statements from my file, sending
12 the witnesses that I had to testify on my behalf back
13 to the County Jail, saying that they would hurt my
14 case, by telling me not to take the stand, by telling
15 me to tell the jury that I wasn't married, by taking
16 money from my family and was a state-appointed lawyer.

17 Also by not filing any motions during the
18 trial period. By going for a straight murder one
19 conviction. Also by allowing evidence to be produced
20 on the date of my trial date and by not asking
21 questions I had for him. *

22 By not visiting me until the day before I
23 picked my jury. Also by doing closing arguments
24 without any notes from the top of his head. Also by
25 allowing Tiffany King and Dwayne Dye to identify me in

1 the courtroom without being showed a photo lineup or a
2 photocopy picture of me.

3 Then my lawyer only cross-examined my
4 witnesses for five minutes apiece. Also by hanging up
5 in my mother's face. Also by not showing photos of the
6 scene that the investigator took. By not bringing in,
7 the owner of the store, who told the investigator that
8 I was nowhere to be found on the camera inside of the
9 store.

10 Also by hiring an investigator through the
11 State of Michigan that my mother thought he paid for to
12 investigate my case. That statement that the
13 investigator had from this guy, Harvey Witcher, who
14 supposed to have been a witness on me. First, he was
15 against me on the attempt murder case. Then he
16 supposed to have been a witness on my case.

17 Then I got to go upstate for a murder I
18 didn't do, a shooting I didn't do and be charged with
19 shooting Harvey Witcher. Harvey Witcher was supposed
20 to be my witness. Harvey Witcher was supposed to
21 testify on May 5th.

22 Mr. Mitchell had your courtroom bailiff
23 Domansky take my witness back to the Wayne County Jail
24 without allowing him to testify. Yet and still I got
25 to come back here in June to be tried for attempt

1 murder for shooting this guy.

2 Then another case this guy, DeAnthony. If
3 you believe that I shot this guy, convict me, send me
4 upstate. But I guess you going to find the truth is
5 going to come out about this guy, Jamal Segars.

6 I didn't kill Jamal Segars. I didn't shoot
7 Jamal Segars. If I supposed to already shot DeAnthony
8 Witcher, how can I know how DeAnthony look? How would
9 I mistake coming from a light skinned guy, and he dark
10 skinned?

11 If you're going to send me up, I don't have
12 no problem with that, but I know justice is going to
13 come out. I know this is going to be brought to the
14 media.

15 I'm talking to the FBI because the Fifth
16 Precinct Sergeant and Investigator Dale Collins, they
17 have been harassing my family. They have been up here
18 talking to people at the Wayne County Jail. A lot of
19 stuff with this case was crooked.

20 This man right here, he got the audacity to
21 stand on the side of me, and he took my Mama's
22 hard-earned money. Standing here like he my lawyer.

23 Yes, I'm hurt. Yes, I'm going down for
24 something I didn't do. Yes, it's three officers that
25 said the guy was six foot, 200 pounds with a black gun.

1 Yet all of a sudden they pop up with a silver gun on
2 the day of the trial.

3 Now you tell me this is justice? It ain't no
4 justice. Do I care about going upstate? Yes, I care
5 because I got kids too. Yes, I'm married too. Yes,
6 I'm sorry that that guy got killed, but it wasn't on my
7 behalf. I got picked up for this case. I got charged
8 for this case. I ain't been able to say nothing during
9 this case.

10 Don't nobody know half the crooked stuff they
11 did with this case. He know. He, this man was in the
12 bullpen. He know I had a list of names that heard him
13 say his Corvette was gray. I mean gold. Gold. Then
14 he had it painted blue. He knew this. He knew.

15 That investigator had a statement, signed
16 statement from this guy saying that I wasn't the guy
17 that shot him. That the prosecutor from the Fifth
18 Precinct told him to say I shot him. *

19 He knew this, but yet and still he come here
20 acting like he got love for me. He didn't even feel
21 bad. He came and seen me (May 13th) after my verdict on
22 May 9th to come to me to ask what I feel about the
23 verdict.

24 I told him the same thing. I didn't kill
25 this man. I'm 160 pounds. The guy who they seen on

1 the tape, I wasn't on the police tape. I wasn't in the
2 store. I wasn't there. I didn't do it.

3 If it's up to them to believe me, I don't
4 care because I'm against the State. I'm in the system
5 for something I didn't do, and I bet the truth going to
6 come out.

7 Whether I do 10 years, 15 years, 17 years, I
8 didn't kill this man. And this lawyer right here for
9 him to be on the side of me acting like he love me,
10 talking to my parents, even talking to my brother,
11 that's some bull. That ain't real.

12 That's all I got to say.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 Mr. Searcy, it is the sentence of the Court
15 that on the felony firearm charge that you be committed
16 to the Michigan Department of Corrections for a period
17 of two years.

18 You get credit for 174 days spent in custody.

19 On the charge of assault with intent to
20 murder, it's the sentence of the Court that you be
21 committed to the Michigan Department of Corrections for
22 a period of not less than 15 years, a period not
23 greater than 30 years.

24 And on the charge of murder in the first
25 degree, it is the sentence of the Court that you be