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From: Charles J. Ballay
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To: News Media- Via Email

Re: Juvenile Offenders

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Getting Them To Realize Their Bad Decisions Hurt Others

As part of our juvenile offender program we require first time offenders to write a letter of apology to the victim of their crime. In the case of drug offenses, we have them to write an essay on why drug usage is wrong.

The purpose of having our young offenders to do so is for them to understand that they hurt real people when they offend, including their family, to recognize who their "real friends" are, and that the negative consequences don't justify their bad act.

Below is a letter one of our juvenile offenders wrote for stealing makeup and an essay one wrote for illegal use of marijuana.

Sincerely yours,

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