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Mario Lundy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 July 2009 11:06
To: Mario Lundy
Subject: Support

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Dear Mr Lundy or can I call you Mario now that i'm older?

My name is [REDACTED] (i'm sure you remember), I was at Les Chennes and was only due to you that i managed to get my life together and get out of the life of crime i was headed for.

I have been living in the UK for the last 8 years with many ups and downs but whatever I face I always remind myself what could have been. I came back to the island last week very down and unemployed but not for long i hope, something has brought me back and I am not sure what yet.

My mum told me what has been said about you and I have spent a few hours reading what articles I could find regarding this. Only the people who were there at the time know what happened but this is why I am trying to contact you, so I can offer my support. I know how I see you and what I saw during my time at Les Chennes, which is a man dedicated to helping people, I witnessed you shout once and no offense but I was never scared or felt I would be harmed by you or any other staff. I know that allegations go back before my time but my life experience has shown me that people will carry on doing wrong till they get caught and as this was not brought up before or during the time I knew you, I cant see how this can be said about you as you never displayed any of the actions mentioned.

Well I will leave that at that for now as I am unsure if you will get this. You helped me so much and would give that all back to help you.

Kind regards and full support.

[REDACTED]

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Mario Lundy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 July 2014 14:06
To: Mario Lundy
Subject: FW: LES CHENES

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2007 11:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LES CHENES

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have been thinking now for a few days about the discussion's going on in the JEP regarding the homes and institutions in Jersey, well having been unfortunately a resident at Les Chenes in 1979/80/81 ish under the the management of [REDACTED] and Mr. M. Lundy.

I feel I should inform you that I had the best care and attention anyone young person could wish for.

My situation at home with my family was difficult and my parents decided to put me into Haut De La Garene, this was not suitable for me as I could runaway to try and find love., La Preference was of the same nature, all being that the staff and the facilities were suitable but I misjudged my freedom and so abused it, so the only other option was Les Chenes which I could not abscond from, scary at such a young age I admit, but I now realise from experience and age that I was running away from the homes to find someone to love me, which I was not getting from my family, unbeknown to me that this was the real underlying problem.

I was afraid, scared and upset when entering Les Chenes with doors being locked behind me but Mr. McKeon, Mr. Lundy and Mrs. Webb were the heads and they treated me with such respect, compassion and patience that I have never found anywhere else so far to this day.

The whole situation of Les Chenes was extremely different and the point system was strange but very fair as you were rewarded for good behaviour etc., the whole staffing system was a joy once you learned the routines and the education facilities were invaluable.

There were only two girls there, (amongst 10 or so boys) myself and another and we had the most beautiful rooms and every attempt was made by Mrs Webb to make us girls feel at home, we did, we felt safe secure and loved, both of us for probably the first times in our young lives.

There was also the most amazing lady cook [REDACTED] I still see her to this day and she still hugs n kisses me, which is so kind of her.

I do believe in the bad, the good and the ugly, but my experience was so nice that when they said I had to leave at 16 my heart was truly broken, I can never repay them for all the love and compassion but I can always remember the good times and the support Les Chenes staff gave me and respect them with great the fondness.

Yours faithfully

Mario Lundy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2009 09:02
To: Mario Lundy
Subject: No escaping

Mario

I hope this finds you well and not too upset that there appears to be no escape from me!

I just wanted to update you on a conversation I had with an inmate yesterday. Obviously I have his full consent to pass this on to you.

As I was visiting one of the wings yesterday he called me over and we both realised that we knew each other - no need to guess where from, Grainville of course.

He was [REDACTED]. He spoke fondly of Grainville but most particularly of you.

His words were "Mario gave me a chance when nobody else would, I feel so bad that I let him down but I wouldn't listen to anyone then."

It was a remarkable conversation. [REDACTED] has recently started studying for an OU course and realises himself that he has a long and difficult road ahead of him.

You will know more than most that too many people seem to quick to suggest that those working with young people are letting them down if they don't hit particular criteria in a given time span. Whilst our work with them may not have as quick an influence as we would hope what is clear is that [REDACTED] is yet another example where your positive influence has been lasting. As we discussed yesterday it became clear that he now understands the maxim "Choose your friends, choose your lifestyle" - an assembly I remember you giving in response to him setting the fire alarms off for the umpteenth time in one day (I didn't remind him of that!).

[REDACTED] asked me to pass on his best wishes to you and said he was more than happy for me to share this information with you.

Well done you. I hope the rest of your day is filled with such good news.

Take care

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Allegations Against Mario Lundy
Date: 4 February 2015 16:37
To: Mario Lundy [REDACTED]



Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 4 February 2015 7:54:39 pm AWST
To: "editorial@jerseyeveningpost.com" <editorial@jerseyeveningpost.com>
Subject: Allegations Against Mario Lundy

To The Editor

I was horrified to read the allegations against Mario Lundy in the Jersey Evening Post. I feel it necessary to write this letter because I spent three and a half years in Les Chene Residential School whilst Mr Lundy was the Deputy Principal.

During this time, Mr Lundy was a mentor and inspiration to me. He was directly responsible for my involvement in numerous sporting activities which largely contributed to my successful professional athletics career in Australia.

Whilst I was in the care of Les Chene, I did not witness or experience any physical or emotional abuse from Mr Lundy. He was caring and professional in his role as Deputy Principal, and always had the best interests of the children, at heart.

As far as I am concerned, I would not be referring to Mr Lundy as a "horrible man", as your newspaper article did; instead, Mario Lundy was, as we would say in Australia, a "top bloke".

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 20:19
To: ESC Reception
Subject: FAO: Mario Lundy

Dear Mr Lundy

Just a quick note to wish you a happy retirement and best wishes for the future from my Mother and I.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]