

#### LETTERS TO A JUDGE

These will be for a sentence cut or credit for time incarcerated prior to sentencing. The legal time a Judge has jurisdiction over a man's sentence or to give him jail time credit has been too controversial for me to expound on in this article. I will just go this far; Ask around, find out whats happening, then shoot the works. Now; never write a Judge at his private residence. I've seen guys come in this office and get a Judge's private address out of a telephone directory. This is wrong. Mr Manley will gladly furnish the Court and District No. of a Judge to any inmate. Like the Governor, letters to a Judge should be written with common sense, neatness and in respectful terms. I have found out that about half the Judges in this State sentence men with the time they have spent in jail taken into consideration. So if you know this in advance, there isn't much point in asking for it. Give reference material in your letters such as Docket Numbers, when sentenced, etc. This will help people in checking the facts of your case and speed any action taken. Reference information should be entered on the upper part of your letter, right or left side in a neat block of figures.

In conclusion, keep your letters brief, neat, and reasonable. A letter reflects the character of the writer. And for God's sake, never write a Judge that you were given a bum beef or too long a sentence, because you will be saying in effect "Judge, you were wrong." It displeases most men to tell them they're wrong. And a displeased man isn't about to do you any favors. I've had my own time cut by writing a good letter and help a couple of others, so "Ah knows what I'm talking about."

So, until next time guys, if there is a next time, I remain your skinny little friend. Adios.