

Best-Selling Author Karen Lucchesi Praises President Trump's Clemency of Alice Marie Johnson

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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, June 16, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Karen Lucchesi, Best-Selling author of "[Innocent Woman, The Karen Lucchesi Story](#)," praises President Trump's clemency grant of Alice Marie Johnson, a 63-year-old woman serving life in prison for a nonviolent drug conviction, after her case was brought to his attention by the reality television star Kim Kardashian West.

"I am very happy for Alice Johnson," Lucchesi cheers. "Trump did the right thing for sure ...the only thing I wish is that more of these clemency's or pardons could be done even without the help of a famous person. Kudos to Kim Kardashian West for getting involved!"

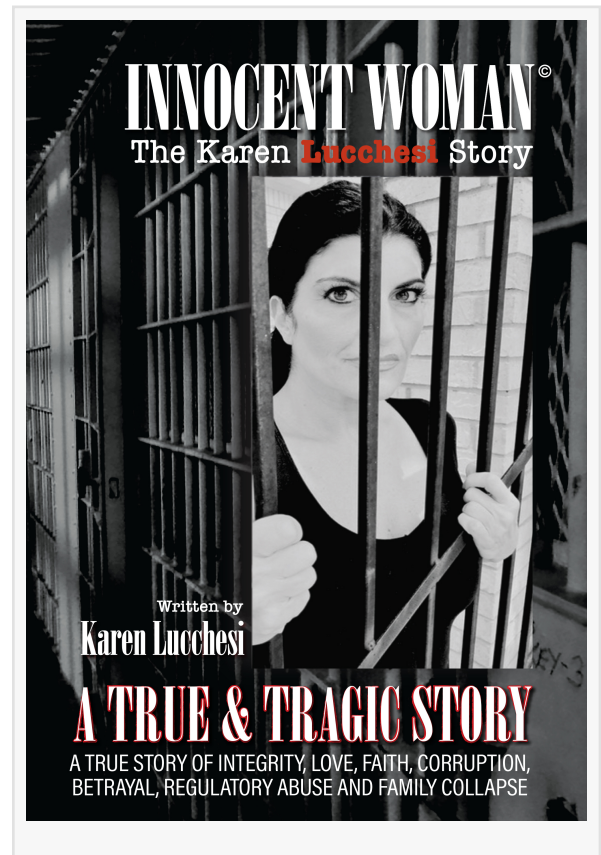
Also a victim of wrongful conviction, Lucchesi painfully remembers-- "I was framed for laundering money. My choices? Take a plea deal for probation and face up to six months in jail, or go to trial and face up to 10 years in prison. What would you do? I believed that Americans were innocent until proven guilty, but are we merely guilty until proven innocent?"

Although short of a full pardon, the decision will free Alice Marie Johnson, who has been locked up in federal prison in Alabama since 1996 on charges related to cocaine distribution and money laundering. Ms. Kardashian West, who learned of the case through social media, visited Mr. Trump at the White House to lobby for Johnson.

"While this administration will always be very tough on crime, it believes that those who have paid their debt to society and worked hard to better themselves while in prison deserve a second chance," the White House said in a statement announcing Johnson's commutation.

"There are too many outrageous sentences applied to both plea agreements and convictions," Lucchesi announces. "I respectfully ask everyone to take a close look at our unjust system and these outrageous mandatory sentencing guidelines."

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