



Juvenile Justice Author Visits Greene and Hudson Correctional Facilities

Author Jean Trounstine and the subject of her book, Karter Reed, recently visited Greene and Hudson Correctional Facilities to speak to inmates about Trounstine's book, *Boy With A Knife: A Story of Murder, Remorse, and a Prisoner's Fight for Justice*. Trounstine wrote the book centered on juvenile justice after corresponding with Reed for a number of years while he sought parole. Trounstine argues in her book that teens should not be sentenced as adults and uses Reed as the central piece of the narrative, while also broadening the story to give readers insight on juvenile issues across the nation.

Reed, who served 20 years in the Massachusetts prison system after killing a classmate at the age of 16, used his time in prison to educate and rehabilitate himself. Since his release in 2013, he has married, bought a home, dedicated himself to helping youth, reinvigorated his relationships with his family, and become a manager at his job. Audiences at both facilities were receptive to the motivational messages from both Trounstine and Reed, and hoped to have the opportunity to read Trounstine's book, seeing Reed as a role model who was able to turn his life around after spending much of his life in prison at such a young age.