

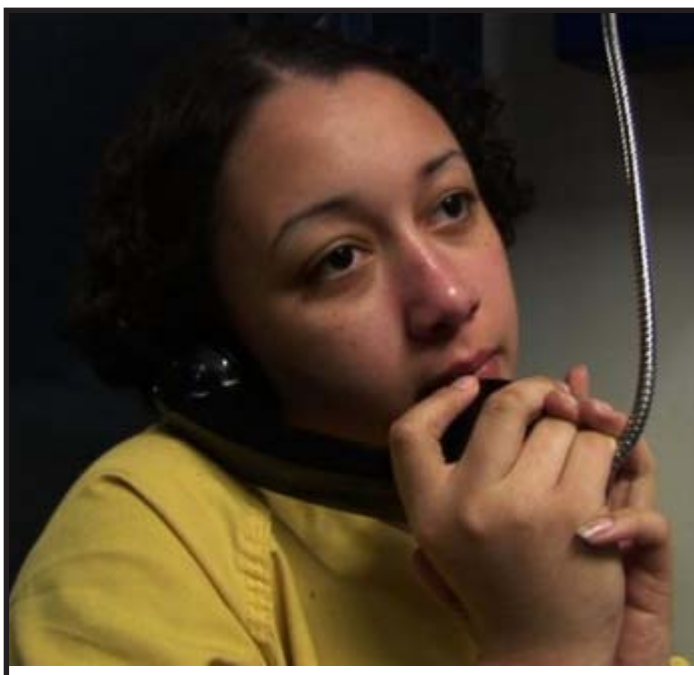
Rihanna: "Something is horribly wrong when the system enables these rapists and the victim is thrown away for life!"

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Brown on Instagram, receiving 1.8 million 'likes.' "cause.... Something is horribly wrong when the system enables these rapists and the victim is thrown away for life! To each of you responsible for this child's sentence I hope to God you don't have children, because this could be your daughter being punished for punishing already! #FREECYNTOIBROWN #HowManyMore"

Prosecutors said Brown shot 43-year-old Johnny Allen so she could rob him. She took his pants, containing his wallet, and some guns, they said. Brown said at the time she met Allen, she had been staying in motels in Nashville with a 24-year-old man nicknamed Cut-hroat. She said she snorted cocaine with Cut-hroat and that he sexually abused her and forced her to prostitute herself so they would have money to live.

One day Allen picked her up off the street and



Cyntoia Brown

bought her some fast food, she said. She said he drove her back to his house, which was full of guns, and that he was behaving in a strange manner that made her want to leave. When she couldn't sneak away, she said she wanted to nap. He lay down with her but didn't fall asleep. He kept getting up and standing over her. She became more panicked, convinced something was going to happen to her, she said. She said she shrugged off his advances and, as he rolled over, she took a gun

from her purse and shot him once in the head.

Brown's attorney, Charles Bone, said he's not sure why the case is drawing celebrity attention right now, although the story was in the news again recently when WZTV-TV in Nashville gave an updated report on the case. There was a previous surge of support for Brown in 2011 when a documentary about her life appeared on public television.

Beyond social media posts, some celebrities have also reached out, Bone said. He didn't say who they were or how they got in touch.

"We're hopeful that this support can be used constructively, not just for her, but for everybody who's out there fighting sex traffic and sex slavery," Bone said.

Bone says a court appeal over the constitutionality of Brown's sentence is pending and he's petitioning the governor and parole officials for reduced prison time. Some state lawmakers have tried and failed to pass legislation that would allow juveniles sentenced to life to be eligible for parole after 30 years, instead of 51.

The prosecutor in Brown's case, Jeff Burks, objects to the recent attention she has been getting.

"There has been a group of people who have wanted to make Ms. Brown a victim and a celebrity since this happened," Burks, who now works in Georgia, wrote to WZTV-TV. "She was not 'trafficked,' nor was she a 'sex slave.' It's not fair to the victim and his family that the other side of this case is so seldom heard."

Nominees Announced for 49th NAACP Image Awards

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The nominees for the 49th NAACP Image Awards were announced November 20, 2017 with Netflix and OWN leading the nominations in the television categories with 23 nominations and 17 nominations, respectively. In the recording category, RCA Records leads with 12 nominations, followed by Capitol Records with 6 nominations and Atlantic Records and Columbia Records both with 3 nominations. Universal Pictures leads with 10 nominations, followed by Annapurna and Open Road Films, both received 5 nominations in the motion picture categories. The Two-Hour LIVE TV special will air on TV One on Monday, January 15, 2018, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday with a One-Hour Live Red Carpet Pre-Show.

a momentous evening of entertainment culminating a day of volunteer service, citizen action, and celebration on the national holiday honoring the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as recognizing this year's nominees for their hard work, perseverance and achievements in our community," stated Leon W. Russell, Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. "As the nation commemorates the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination on April 4, 1968, we are reminded of the ageless principles of non-violence, truth and justice, humility, and service that he taught all Americans."

"The NAACP Image Awards is the ultimate platform for artists and individuals of color who advocate for social jus-

tice to share their voices with millions, and to be recognized and celebrated," stated Derrick Johnson, President and CEO, NAACP. "At a moment where there seems to be one tragic event after another in America, the NAACP Image Awards continues to be a beacon of light to the diversity reflected in television, music, film and literature that brings everyone together."

The NAACP Image Awards is the preeminent multicultural awards show celebrating the accomplishments of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature and film. It is also known for honoring individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors. Winners will be announced during the two-hour star-studded event.

Three-time NAACP Image Award winner Anthony Anderson returns as your host for the 49th NAACP Image Awards. The Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated actor is the star and executive producer of ABC's award-nominated sitcom *black-ish*.

For a complete list of categories and nominees



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