

Frozen in Time

I have been away for 18 years, out of touch of society & life, all of its happinesses & sadness, highs & lows. I went to prison in 1996 and in my mind it's still 96. There was no internet, no cell phones, cars didn't park themselves. The world that we knew was safe from terrorists & 9/11 was unthinkable. My child was a child, not a mother of 2 herself. Everyone is still alive & young.

In two years my frozen door will open, how do I deal with the realities that is my life and I know it, + 20 years in a blink of an eye? I don't have an answer to that question, but it haunts me to no end. The fear & uncertainty of what my future holds scares me to death. I have a huge fear that I will walk outside of the prison doors & will get run over by a bus. I know that the odds of that happening is nil, but what is out there to try to trip me up?

I had to accept the fact that I will probably max out & walk away after 20 years with no real knowledge of all of the help available to ex-cons. Had I gotten out on parole I would have had a resource to help lead me to hidden doors for health care, jobs, & food & shelter, plus more. Now to set the first step I have to go out cold, with not a clue on how to connect to them, since I don't know how to turn on a computer let alone

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get on line.

ITS NOT ALL BAD & DREARY. I HOPE TO GET OUT INTO THE GAS & OIL INDUSTRY, EITHER IN ALASKA, OR THE LOWER 48. I HOPE TO RECONNECT WITH MY REMAINING FAMILY & FRIENDS & SAY GOOD BYE TO THOSE THAT HAVE LEFT. THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED WILL BE REMOVED & MISSED THOUGH, THEY AREN'T REALLY GONE YET. ITS NOT REAL YET TO ME.

ON MARCH 20TH 2016 MY FREEZER DOOR WILL OPEN & OUT I WILL COME. I WILL EMERGE A NEW MAN A VIRGIN OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT. I WILL HAVE A CRASH COURSE ON WHAT LIFE IS LIKE NOW US, WHAT IT WAS THEN. I HOPE TO RECONNECT WITH LIFE & TO LIVE & GROW & PROSPER IN THE NEW FORGIVEN WORLD. I AM SCARED, EXCITED, & EAGER. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS.

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