

The reason that I'm writing to speak
is very important to me. Like the following
education, vision of a better way to operate, reflection
of the work of death with time inside, the challenge
of physical and psychological survival, what I'm
trying to make it on the outside.

Education is the foundation for the
survival of any body who do not want to surrender
their whole life for basic necessities of every day living
I come from a house hold that made education a
#1 priority. Yet I abandoned what I was thought
for a life of crime and older woman. I was fourteen
when I close the streets, made up a job I'd had for
a year and a half and a girl who was practically
in love with me. Some time I will see the girl friend
I did it to now I had. As life not more complicated
became. In more serious by the day. I was fifteen
when I met a twenty eight year old woman
who had four kids and a job of em. For the next
couple years robbing, drug dealing and dope
sales became my life style. I looked up to killers
and robbers who would say. The block the only
school I need after a while I felt the same way
couldn't a murder charge leads to the pen. Since
then I layed back but still wild in a way. The first
three years I kept the same mentality I rob, beat cats

up, made white revolution and sold a lot of land I got
my hands on. A lot of people feared me so I was
crossed out. After a year I ~~was~~ ended up on max
where my true journey began. I was locked in a
cell for two years without a TV. For twenty three
hours a day. This is where I found my talent for
writing. Used it as a way to express myself so I
wrote and kept writing waking up every day with
six poem books. It was cool and my family was proud
but the journey did it and more. I started read-
ing about history, civil rights and revolutionary
movements, covered me in a conspiracy and in other
things which made me take a hard look at myself
and find out who I am not only as a person
but as a black man. Understood in what a great
people we come from. Without even trying I thought
myself to understand politics. Now I consider
myself a political activist in a sense. While I was
on max I read this urban book by a brother locked
up in VA. I said if he can do it I can. eleven
urban poetic ^{statements} I feel like I'm the last in my
~~field~~ field using my books as a foundation for every-
thing else I want to do. Like take care of my family
first of all. Have the money to open my barney and
andy stores plus buy my brothers and pass it on.
I just got my CD last year I'm in the process
of writing my first book published so I can pay

for my college courses. I want to take business management, account and market. In so I ~~can~~ can I run my business management my own model and market my self. only I can understand in ~~the importance~~ the importance of education was a lot of it's possible so I thank God for my vision.

vision of a better way to operate. I had to go thru the hard times as a lost soul in order to get where I am today. I'm a firm believer in the things we do thru in life makes us the people we are or about to become. I just to wonder why I chose the life I chose, locked up at seven I see I got understand in me being in the center of my family and I see every body's life got for the better. I blame my self some times and it hurt to see my family struggle. I'm lock behind bars can't do anything. The guilt of what I do. Plus ~~to~~ see in my family cope with the consequences of my actions, made me figure out how I can turn this ~~into~~ into a narrative into a positive. I just not off lock and I am not and I had a write up in three years. I had to realize what I do affect my family. I have it see in five years. I had to understand family is what's more important so I put them first. Before I make a mistake I think about them

Because my Decisions affect them too, my step
mother wrote me a letter and said, when I
got locked up we not locked up with you. I think
that was the first time I understood their
pain, and my mother try to do what she can.
I just realized one day how my books can
change not only my life but my family's too.
That's why I work hard and make in my dream
a reality because not only am I ~~not~~ dependent on
my dream coming true but my family is too. I
have to much pride in me with in. To lose
my father is a great man sacrificed a lot to make
sure me and my brothers had. I feel like it's time
for him to enjoy life with a positive attitude
and staying out of trouble or away from problems
and situations that could lead to unfavorable
circumstances. I can do only this I put my
mind to so I set very high goals for my self.
watch in my self achieve each one. That's how
I found a better way to operate.

Reflection on the work of Deakin
with time inside. I want to say it was not
easy at first. I set a goal of ~~100~~ 100
hundred two at a hundred. I know it ain't
life I could not except it, so I was wild in.
Crash in out left and right. Do in every town
under the sun. Plus I stayed with as I could

Blowing in wind like crazy. I'll call home like
once or twice a year for the first three
years in prison. I didn't care about the
outside this was my life. Now I think I
stopped feeling like that when I was on
max and I realized how having someone
on the outside made things a little easier.
The months went by faster and the everyday
problems you have to deal with didn't seem
that bad, ever since then I write as much as
I can. Family, females it didn't matter, just
to have someone remind you it's a world out
side of this ~~camp~~ and keeps me around. Give
me some thing to strive for. Give me a reason
to care and want to do the right thing. I just
know in 10 years more I'll be on
the streets again. I not only see where I look
at as family who not fifty or 60 years, forty,
and one with two hundred. I think about
how would it feel to have life. Never again in home
again, if do it with. I'm damn sure. Think about
the kids a father who's ratio has to grow up
without proper guidance, a father son from a
mother, husband from a wife. How can I complain
about what I not. When I turn thirty six I'm
free. So more 10 or 15 years to do. So more side it pain
I make my time easier focusing on a better life

make it out the prison without many problems
The prison inmates need to
make it out the other side. more programs that help
a person deal with or blind back in with life on
the other side. from the time I was locked in ~~in~~
02' to 10' not was chambered. like the college courses
the prison now offer. you can't major in any
line to right now but it's a start. the different
vocational programs you can take that will
be recognized with the ~~department~~ department
work force. here for a person who takes the
classes and get the certificates ~~and~~ necessary
to maintain a certain job will be earned in
wages. the inmates are better but we have a long
way to go. I personally feel like every body should
be in the will politics because every decision that's
made in congress affects your life in one form
or another. ~~and~~ if it don't affect you then
it will affect your children. I inmates need to
read more. a lot of people feel like it ain't cool to read
I read and ain't lost no cool points because
I say I do it. we as men have to realize the power
of thought. we are what we say we are. Take re-
sponsibility for our actions and ~~be~~ find out
who we are. find our strengths and our weak-
nesses. here for if you know your self
you can use your weak ness and it you

~~Prisoners~~ ^{which} be about discipline. After that
the state the limit. I think if a person do it
give their self a chance and learn something help
but until give you a chance at a better life then
you have only one choice and that's to no back
to the same thing you were do. So before you
noy were. The ~~most~~ last and most important thing
of all is law. In a spiritual foundation be cause
and it will be possible with out Allah or no das
some of call him.

with every thing I speak of
in this essay I feel like it's such a important
issue be cause people don't realize if we don't get
support from the government with programs or
every thing we need to become be defical to
society. The have release in people who are
the same way they came. I don't think the
prison system don't have any money. The obama
administration is hold in people accountable
that's probably the only reason we have the programs
we have. I'm twenty ~~two~~ five wish I knew twice
as what I know now. when I'm thirty five.

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