

Dear Readers

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As I write this short first hand account, I have a black eye, on the left side of my face. Its 10:30PM, The lights are out and lockdown is quit. US Prisoners call lockdown The Hole, Because Its like someone dug a Hole and pushed you in. Now try to think of sitting at the bottom of a Hole for 6 Mos (180 days). I have been in the hole for 3 days due to a fist fight.

Once I go to the hearing I will find out my fate.

The Max punishment is a \$200.00 fine, 180 days in lockdown and (LOP) 28 days of Loss of Privileges which means, when I am let out of lockdown, I have to stay in my cell for 28 more days only allowed, to come out for meals and one shower a day.

What ever the hearing officer chooses is what I get. And yet I've been here before, NO really! Same cell same unit same misconduct. Just the last time it was the other person who was hitting in the face. Some might say thats karma, But its not. Its just the way things go in prison.

Try to think of prison as the ocean, Day after day little fish swim around eating small crustations, Then the day come when a bigger fish eats the little fish. Thats the never ending cycle of prison life. If your not a big fish then you will be eaten. Some ~~times~~ times the little fish makes it to become a Big fish, dealing out the same thing he once feared.

I have been in this prison for (38 Mos.) little over 3yrs. with 5yrs left to go. By the time I do get out I'll be 33yrs old with 15yrs. total of Prison time under my belt.

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② I have no kids (which I am thankful for), But I also have nothing to my name other than \$70,000 Restitution and a Crime filled past.

One good thing is I was able to get My GED at the age of 27. I passed with honor's, and come graduation time I was 50 days into a 180 day set in the hole. Needless to say this life is not living at all. The prison time people do is known as "Dead time". The only difference is for some people, they can wake up one day and go home to their loved ones. Not everybuddies so lucky to get another shot.

They are doomed to die the ~~lonely~~ lonelyist death to be had. Waking up day in day out with no where to go. Never Really getting to express to their family(s) how sorry they are for not being able to be in their lives.

Please dont get the wrong Idea, As much as I personally would never wish a life time sentence on a ~~person~~ Normal human.

There are Animals that need to be put to sleep. I am talking people who, kill helpless kids, people who hunt people for sport, Anyone who preys on children ect... I look at it like the family Dog who every one loves, Snaps on day and runs down somebody and Attack them for no ~~with~~ Raviness.

Its the people who are doing life Sentences for crimes that were NON-Violent, like: Drugs, thief, Stolen propety, or just to many small crimes. That gets my goat. I read about a guy who stole a pair of socks and got life. Another guy who was homeless waited for people to leave their Restraant table, and he grabbed the Scrapes left over got life for ~~trespassing~~ ~~trespassing~~. wow! Where do judges & DAs Minds go to feel a persons life ~~is~~ is worth less then food Scrapes on a empty table?

Prison is not a punishment, Its revenge. Punishment is ment to get a point accrossed. "Dont do that!" Then the punishment is over. IF a child Steals a cookie after his mother said NO! Do you lock the child up in a Room for ~~months~~ months? NO! you put him in the corner for 5mins then ask him if he understand his punishment. then everythings back to Normal.

③ I understand theres a big difference for Crimes and Cookies But the concept is punishment. When a punishment drags on for years it stops being punishment Because the point of why we are to learn our lesson, is lost. We understand what we did was wrong, But most of us know what we were doing was wrong in the first place, and still made the choices we made.

Honestly prison stop being punishment after my first year back in Because I no long care why I am here. Once a person stops caring about what the punishment is then you have to Ask the question Did we get the ~~good~~ result we wanted?

To say the least the system is faulty by far. There is not uniformity in the way crimes are dealt with. One person in a big city could Rob someone at gun point and get 5yrs w/good time. The same crime 50 Mis down the road turns to 15yrs No good time. Really All the state looking to save money should just fire All the judges Because Its the DAs handing out the sentences, Then to Add insult to injury Most public Attorney's are in bed with the DAs and Also dont like fighting cases because they dont want a loss on their record, So what do they do? They talk people in to deals by scaring them with extortion. IF you dont take this deal you'll get the Max time. And whats sad is if you do fight in court and lose you will get the max time. It All or Nothing And your betting with a Attorney who now is mad at you for wanting to put up a fight. you think he wants to really help you now? IF He wins your case the DA is pissed for losing A D.A. IF He loses your case He decreases Him chances for becoming

Most likely the people facing the charges has No clue about how the law really works so their fate lies in the person who went to law school. IF Hes saying take the deal, then I should take the deal. Right? What other choice is there? Can I defend my self? well you can try. I would only recommend it if you have studied law books & Have someone who will help you do research. Then I would say hell yes Because your going to fight

harder for your own Freedom the Some Public Shmuck. (4)

I feel If a person understands the basics of law and has research ~~access~~ access, you would be way better off to fight your own case. But That's only if you understand how evidence Plays a key role.

As for private Attorneys I feel they will give you a honest shake. for the most part. The thing is it takes Money for them to help you. There's a truth to the saying "Rich people don't go to Prison, Poor people do".

The system is corrupt and that's the way things go.
Big fish little fish.

Mainly I am writing to let My voice be heard and inform people that sending people ^{to Prison} does not make them better. When someone is sick, Do you lock them in a Room until they get better? Most likely not! you should treat them the way you want to be treated when your sick, and help them get better.

I find it humorous when I read things about Reform, Reducing reoffending, Better help to rehabilitate prisoner. Because it's all bull shit propaganda, to get more money.

Think of it this way. Say you owned a Multibillion dollar a year Hotel that people were forced to come to for making bad choices. Would you REALLY want to help make those people stop coming to your Hotel?

To me Anyone with a brain knows how to help make a person better. you TEACH them, Give them the tools to be something different, Work skills, Trades, Education and you "Kill em with kindness". yet the Mind set is hard time will fix them. The only thing hard time dose is takes the humanity out of being human. It takes basic human feelings like loving, Caring, Compassion, will, and empathy and turns them into weaknesses. People take those feels and turn them into, Hate, Anger, Rage, Resistance, Because weakness is preyed upon in Prison.

⑤ If someone were to ask me to ~~write~~ write a Criminal handbook on how to do Crime, I could have a best-seller in 3 weeks.

Ask me to write a How to find a job Manual, I could draw the cover page and that's it. Now if that aint a good use of hard earned Tax Payers money I dont know what is!

Surely That was a joke. I am truly ~~D~~ dumbfounded why with so many great mind trying to come up with a plan B for sending people to prison, has yet to end prison construction.

Its Because "prison is for profit" what we need is "prison for treatment & Reform". Most of prisoners will some day get back out to the world and come to a town near you. How do you like knowing that while I did 8yrs I learned NOTHING of how to get a job, ~~or~~ or even a trade skill? Plus even if I had most employer dont want a thief around their Business so where do I go for rent money? I cant go to a bank for a loan with no job. There a hunder of thousands of people like me getting out with NO tools, NO help, NO loved ones, NO support system in place

What do we do? well to some people prison not so bad, NO Bills, Free food, Free clothes, Free Bed, almost like a worryfree ~~vacation~~ vacation and its on your tax payer money! Not only did you get everything in your house stolen, I get to wait out my time and move into another area still ~~with no help~~ in the same boat, looking for more rent money.

I say this with pun intended Because for me the light-bulb has went off, I am one of the few who has took it upon myself to better my own life and not come back to prison. Ive Educated myself so that I am not the one stealing your priceless heirlooms, and TV. For most people in prison there has been NO ~~change~~ change. Its taken me 15yrs of prison time to want that change for myself. 15 years to get my mind right and say this is not the life I want. ~~and~~ I was lucky enough to have grandparentice who loved me & wanted better for me too. Books are what got me to findins away out ↘

⑥ of a lifestyle of Crime. Books gave me hope to where now I can answer that question. What do I do for money?

~~Not~~ Not everyone in prison will be able to find a way to change their mindset.

It took me almost \$700.00 in books that my grandma paid for and ~~waited~~ ^{will power} to see that no one else can change me.

I fortunately never got to be a drug addict, so I have a easier time finding the way to change. For the many people who use drugs like Meth, Coke, Heroin, The Drug is their only way out, it calls them. I've personally seen someone who did 12 yrs in prison and the last five mos of his time almost every time he talked, it was about how he could not wait to use meth."

That's ~~what~~ what prisoners are doing, waiting 12 yrs to use meth again. Last time I heard about this guy he is on the run, hiding from the cops. It was less than a year after he got out I heard this. For most prisoners a year is pretty good to be able to stay out. Which that in it self screams The ~~the~~ system is Broken!

Then comes; if its Broken How do we fix it?

well theres No simple answer Because one person cant change it A thousand people cant change it. It will take a great majority of people to demand their state governments to change the system. Demand that Tax payers Money be spent on what the Tax Payers want done. For some reason the Governments forgot who put that money in ~~the~~ the bank for the states.

There are ~~some~~ many Better ways to protect Communities then Prisons. For the people who are thinking... like what?

I've come up with options, That are easier, Save money, Punish the offender, protect the community, and Build the community out-look of Prisoners All with out the use of prison.

⑦ In order for these options to work, First people would have to voice that here is a ~~the~~ Plan-B that we want! And "we the People" support these reforms. So Many government officials now day are Scare to do anything ^{that} will Change the way things have gone. They need full support to be trailblazers.

One Thing that is a downfall is "Common Sence aint always Common"! And The First time one ~~po~~ person, Abuses one of the options There will be people screaming It dosen't work, Prison the only way.

Prison is Not the only way! I beg you to think outside the Box. just because prisoners are out of sight, out of mind dosenot fix that Prisons don't help better a person.

Keep in mind that the options I present are just options to put a Choise other then prison on the table, ~~at~~ And Not everyone should these options apply too as a punishment. Prison should still be in play just a last stop.

I feel a Classification of the crime and the persons record should be voted on by say 3 jury members or ~~at~~ Council Board

GPS Monitoring. This is way cheaper, Healthier on a person state of mind. The Community is Safer, Because the person is known by police, they ~~at~~ Can find him/her when ever, and keeps that person from changing into a worse person, As if sent to prison.

Even if someone needed prison time, say IF they do half ~~there~~ thier time they could earn G.P.S. Freedom. rather then spending years upon years in prison.

• **OPEN CAMPS:** These camps should be some what restrictive, but still free. people live in cabin's with bunk beds they go on to work crews, fight wild fires, pick up trash, plant trees, and when ~~dis~~ disaster happen like "SANDY" they are put on a Bus to go help. I know I would of voleenteered to go Clean up.

Those are fellow Americans who are still hurting in the U.S.A and yet they suffer, when prisons hold more people that could make a difference. Paying back communities for the crimes we done, would show people that a prisoner is still a person willing to help do the ~~right~~ things needed to ~~right~~ our wrongs.

I am not talk slave labor for inmates either, that is not right what some prison do by forcing inmate to work, and the prison makes money. Some one needs to call ~~of~~ Abe and let him know theres and new slavery loophole.

WORKFORCE: This should be like a collage that ~~is~~ a person is force to go too. Say a drug dealer whos never worked. send him to a collage trade class. Forcing him to learn a trade. Then ~~if~~ he gose back to drug dealing and not working. prison is the next step or a camp. Some one cant build a house with NO tools.

a lot of people I've met do crime as a means to make a living, you cant get mad at someone who lives life the only way they know how, But you can get mad if you've showed them a different way and they still choose crime.

well I truly hope that this opens the eyes of the Blind. For everyone in the Free world who fights for prisoners Rights & anything thats for change, I salute you. Thank you Greatly! Sooner or later life, liberty, and property will be understood for what those words mean. ~~Distinction~~
until then prison it is!
* P.S. Forward this to three of your friends please.

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