

APRIL/7/016

DEAR

(AMERICAN PRISON WRITING ARCHIVE),
I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY REGARDS TO
YOU ALL AND TO THOSE THIS MAY CONCERN.
MY NAME IS (FIDEL), AND A FRIEND
SHARED ABOUT YOUR WEBSITE, I'VE BEEN
INCARCERATED SINCE JULY 5TH/02, AND
JUST RECENTLY I GOT BLESSED AND
WAS GIVEN AN EARLY PAROLE DATE!!
— I QUALIFIED FOR THE NEW SENATE —
BILL 261, DUE TO ME GETTING
ARRESTED BEFORE THE AGE OF 23 YRS
OLD. I'M CURRENTLY HOUSED AT PLEASANT —
VALLEY, STATE PRISON... BEFORE THIS TERM/
SENTENCE, I STAYED OUT IN SAN DIEGO
CALIFORNIA, WHERE I WAS BORN &
RAISED, I WAS BORN IN (1979) AT GROSS —
MONT, HOSPITAL. I GROW UP IN THE
COMMUNITY OF (LOMITA VILLAGE). I USE
TO BE INVOLVED IN A GANG AND THE
FIRST TIME I GOT LOCKED UP WAS AT
THE AGE OF (15), I HAD TO DO SEVEN
YEARS AND TWO MONTHS, FOR STABBING A
RIVAL GANGMEMBER AT A HIGH SCHOOL (MOUNT —
MIGUEL), IN (1995) FEBRUARY 27. AND YOU
CAN SAY I WAS INTRENCHED AND TRYING

To Prove Myself. It Took Many Years To Grow Up And Discipline My Way Of Thinking. I Had Certain Qualities And Gifts, But, didn't notice them until later on in my life, (I can honestly say, you can be a good person "But do negative things"). Since I been incarcerated this time around, I learned that what ever you put out there in the air, ~~with~~ ^{will} come back, either if it is bad or good, and I have learned

that off hand. When I was younger growing up in the California - Youth Authority, I learned about rehabilitation, and soaked up many different tools balance myself to be a better humanbeing in society, "But, it didn't register until I matured, and really felt the need for change. I'm sort of state raised and I'm breaking myself, from being institutionalized, I recently enrolled in (NA, AA, and Gang members Anonymous), I also got my GED and going to start college this month, of April. I've been trying to prepare myself, with the programs I'm currently taking so

I CAN HAVE SOCIAL SKILLS AND HELP OTHERS IN THE SAME SITUATION AS ME. I HAVE TO ADJUST TO SOCIETY WHEN I GET OUT, AND AFTER BEING LOCKED UP 14-15 YEARS, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY PAROLING TO ANOTHER LIFE STYLE, WHEN I'M USE TO BEING SUPPORTED BY THE STATE, BEING IN PRISON IS VERY EASY TO ADJUST TO, YOU HAVE 3 MEALS, A BED AND ARE PROVIDED CERTAIN TOILET TREE'S TO LIVE ON A

daily BASIS, EACH YEAR, YOU KNOW YOUR GOING TO EAT AND HAVE A BED TO SLEEP ON, FROM BEING SHELTERED TO HAVING TO WORK AND EARN A DECENT LIVING, IS GOING TO BE A DIFFICULT CHANGE. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS JAIL STUFF SINCE 15YRS OF AGE, AND I'M VERY USE TO IT, "BUT LIKE ANYTHING, YOU WILL HAVE TO GO WITH THE FLOW AND MOVE FORWARD FOR OPEN DOORS AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES" I CAN ONLY SHARE WHAT I KNOW AND EXPERIENCED, I HAD TO DIG DEEP AND RECOGNIZE MY PAST BEHAVIOR, WITH (GANG ACTIVITY), YOU HAVE TO REALLY GET INTOUCH WITH AN-HIGHER POWER IN

Order To COMPLETELY CHANGE CRIMINAL
BEHAVIOR, I MYSELF FOLLOW THE RED ROAD,
AND AM A PART OF THE (RED TAIL LODGE),
I HAD MY CHOICE'S AND UPS AND DOWNS,
JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE WHO STRUGGLE'S
AND STRADDLES THE FENCE BETWEEN RIGHT
AND WRONG, AT THE MOMENT I'M IN THE
PROCESS OF WRITING A (AUTOBIOGRAPHY), SO
WISH ME LUCK !! I FEEL I CAN TOUCH
ANOTHER PERSON'S HEART, OUT THEIR ON THE SIDE,
ALOT OF PEOPLE SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION AND
MANY ARE IMPRISONED MENTALLY, I FIGURED
I WOULD SHARE MY STORY WITH THOSE WHO
NEED IT MOST. WHO BETTER TO TOUCH BASIS,
THAN THE PERSON WHO LIVED AND EXPERIEN
CED, FIRST HAND. ALL MOST OF US NEED,
IS AN EAR, A FEW MINUTES OF A PERSONS
TIME CAN HEAL AND MAKE WONDERS, MEDICAT
ION, IS NOT A SOLUTION, I'M SURROUNDED BY
INMATE'S WHO DEPEND ON A PILL TO COUP
WITH REALITY, DO TO MANY OF THEM ON
THE OUTSIDE ABUSING DRUGS. I FEEL IF
I WERE THEIR VOICE SOMEONE WOULD HEAR?
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME, WITH LOVE AND RESPECT
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