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Din #14A3127. I'm in NysDCCS Five point's c.F.  
Serving a 3½ to 7 year sentence for a  
NON-violent D Felony Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is  
my first hand testimony on prison life.  
There's so much about prison that  
people don't understand. Like how many  
inmates are victims there self to  
addiction and while high or to get  
high they made very bad choices. Then  
instead of treatment their locked away  
from everyone and everything they've ever  
cared about. I've lost a wife I'll forever  
miss. I've lost years of my son's  
lives, all for being locked up instead  
of getting treatment. See Most the time  
it's not monster's going to prison  
but it's prison making monster's. you  
take a person and put them  
somewhere run by gang's and violence  
and 90% of the time that person  
will become someone there not just  
to make it threw the day. I remember  
being 19 and ending up in Greene c.F.  
one of NysDCC's most violent prison's back  
in early 2000's. Within 2 week's I went  
from a loving family life to walking  
a prison yard with more fight's and  
cutting's then any ~~other~~ other prison.  
I became someone I wasnt I had  
to put a mask on just to live.

Then month's turned to ~~years~~ year's, and I lost my soulmate and at time's it seems I've lost not just her but my own soul as well. prison rip's family's apart. I'm not saying we don't need prison's because we do. what I truly believe Though after 2 bids is that for real change to happen in our prison system's. we got to take the Non-Violent drug addict's and put them in real treatment not prison's, ALSO prisoners should be in prison's close to home to help keep a strong family bond. Then I believe you'll see a lot less people coming back to prison once they get out. I've seen and done things I can never unsee or undo, but I still reach for life even when all feels hopeless. I wish more people would understand how bad our system is at helping people turn around and get their life back. It turns a problem into a crisis. We need to understand addiction better because it can turn a angel into a demon That's the truth of it. Well I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read this I hope it's helped.

Truly,

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