

Dear Reader,

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From experience I've come to realize that most of society has little remorse for the, "statistics." Either because the feel: A person incarcerated has it easier than the free world, or the incarcerated deserves to be worse off than the free world... Me being among the category of, "statistics," I truly beg to differ. Yes I am given food to eat three times a day, yes I am provided with a limited amount of supplies, even a bed to sleep on. But, when facilities like private for profits feed you meat that has signs on the box that specify; "not fit for human consumption," three to four times a week and serve you things that are known for causing you health issues within time of continued use. Even give you hygiene that makes your skin rash-up and break out and toothpaste that makes your teeth brittle and breath worse. Lay you on a bunk that causes you back pains from the thinnest of it; An after all these realistic deprivations, compensate from you asking for medical attention. How can anyone say that I have it easier off than the free world?

True enough the struggle doesn't come from being housed in a facility, but more or less the inside results that come from being here. A lot of facilities claim to be a safe productive environment when in the "spot light," but behind close doors it's not just my peers I have to fear at times. It's been times where facility staff provoked me in order to restrain me and put their hands on me un-lawfully.

Times when the Authority figures have put me purposely in harms way,
By housing me on a unit where they are Immensely Aware of the
Dangers of putting me around a certain group of people. To invoke
Trouble my way By either physical harm or sanctioned punishment.
True enough I am not the first person this has happen to, But this
is simply my story.

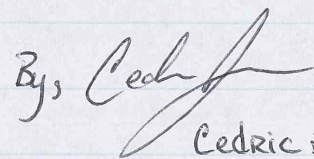
After succumbing nine years subsequently of Prison life, I've arrived
at the conclusion that: it gets no Better, or easier with each Day
that Passes. A lot of people have the Belief that Incarceration pre-
serves, your youth; An Even if that Is the case, what good is it?
Being Idle-minded Demises your abilities to grow and mature. So
on one hand: Even if you are preserving your Body, your mind is still
Stuck in the mental aspects of the age you were Removed from society.
With lack of Real opportunity to grow Educational wise Besides the
few limited Resources Available. It truly seems that useful Knowledge
is incongruous in a place full of violence and negative energy. A
place where we truly are only Being housed, Feed, and thrown in a
pit left to Endure the survival of the fittest. Expectancy of
Rehabilitation seems far fetched Behind closed doors; where
only a few classes of: Anger management, substance abuse, Plumbing,
and Commercial Clean are taught By people who Truly don't
qualify. When you Read the news papers or articles about
Prison, they Praise there selfs on: Rehabilitation, and sending
one Back into society with tools for success. The world has

no choice, But to Believe Because when we as Prisoners:
throw warning signs, And Red flags the system tries to
Bring a Audit around and the facilities put on a good
facade for them for a week or two. Sweeping their
dirty deeds under the rug until they leave. But you can't
expect a system to allow its Revenue to cease.

A life for a life Isn't Justice. So how can you call giving
a young Eighteen or nineteen year old Boy thirty years to life
in Prison Just? Even though the heart is still Beating, the life
of this person is dead. With no opportunities to grow and
mature to Anything positive, in the mind and heart. Being Deprived
of Reproduction and having a family. I've seen it subsequently,
men fifty to sixty years old Being Released after serving
twenty or thirty years Back into Society. An with no family
Alive and no means of support nor Education or Training
in any field that can truly help them survive legally own
there own. Prison Destroys a person: Mentally, Emotionally,
and given that life expectancy is Between seventy to eighty years
Physically as well. Thus In a world where finances are among
the top Precedents of the government, your words Become
like a silent shout when you try to Draw attention to the
glitches in the prison system... Nevertheless it's understood
that the law is a system of Rules and general Principles that
govern Individuals conduct in society. Still in Reply it shouldrit

Be misunderstood; those Individuals are no less than human Beings.

A person's place in society shouldn't necessarily be established by mistakes, one has made; but more or less by the courage and ability to right their wrongs, and prove themselves capable of change... But being placed in an environment surrounded by hostility; and controlled by brute force, or confinement it almost becomes inevitable to accomplish change to one's mentality; and understanding for a way of life... A lost soul is more than just an eternal quote; or spiritual figure of speech. For surely if you look inside the world of the prison system you will indeed find: A soul lost! Thus stating: lock'em up and throw away the key isn't always a just remedy.....

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