

## Time For A Change

As I look back at all my failed attempts to take as many short cuts as possible, I see I'm still in the same spot. Being a crime boss started off when I was 14 years old. Today I had a parole hearing and rather than lie like I normally do just to get home I did something I should have years ago. I admitted that I not my mom or the neighborhood made me become a career criminal and a bad one at that. While the parole board read off crimes I didn't remember it hit me. This life isn't for me it never was and will never be. Kids make dumb choices trying to fit in with the culture going on around them when its really not what they like. I have sold drugs to family members and used them myself. How can I call somebody a crack head if I smoke drugs also? 95% of our youth deal with the "Just like your daddy curse" created by moms thinking it will stop the youth. Prison terms isn't "genetics" its not a blood cell your born with that you cant cut up or you will die. I'm 33 years old today and looking back at my criminal record then makes me embarrassed to

Say that was me, committing crimes as a child  
is the same as a tattoo you stuck with for  
life that you can ever cover up. Its time  
for a change for me I'm not proud of the younger  
me at all. In the bible it says "when I was a child  
I thought as a child, when I became a man I had  
to put all my childish things away. Today, I am  
proud to say I'm a man and its time for a change.