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I AM 37 YEARS OLD. IVE BEEN IN PRISON SINCE I HAVE BEEN 19 YEARS OLD. GOT CONVICTED OF CAPITAL MURDER AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON. I ESCAPED MY FIRST MONTH IN PRISON AND DIDNT GET TOO FAR. SINCE THEN (2001) I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU A COUPLE OF THINGS. ONE IS THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE OF LIVING IN SEGREGATION. SOME STATES CALL THIS CONTROL UNIT, SECURITY HOUSING UNITS, SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, ISOLATION UNITS. ITS ALL THE SAME. JUST NAMED DIFFERENT. 23 HOUR LOCK DOWNS BY YOURSELF IN A CELL AND ONE HOUR REC/DAYROOM TIME BY YOURSELF. THE OTHER WOULD BE LACK OF REHABILITATION FOR GEN OFFENDERS.

THIS FIRST ONE WILL BE ABOUT THE SECOND ISSUE I SPOKE OF. I WANT A LIL MORE TIME LOOKING INTO THAT MENTAL ISSUE. BEING IN PRISON FOR LIFE I DONT HAVE A SHOT AT GOING HOME. IVE SEEN PEOPLE COME IN AND OUT OF THIS PLACE. ONE GUY I TALKED TO SAID HE WALKED OUT OF HUNTSVILLE UNIT, WENT TO THE CORNER STORE, OPENED A BEER CAN AND SLAMMED ONE. OPENED ANOTHER, GRABBED A CANDY BAR AND WALKED OUT. COPS TOOK HIM TO JAIL. GOT OUT AND BROKE INTO A CAR AND WAITED TILL THE COPS SHOWED UP. I ASKED WHY?! HIS ANSWER... "I HAD NO WHERE TO GO". THAT SAME DUDE IS SUPPOSE TO GO HOME IN 7 1/2 MORE MONTHS. HE SAYS ILL COME BACK. I HAVE NO WHERE TO GO. 26 YEARS OLD. SO FULL OF A POSSIBLE

Life. Just Thrown away. I would trade shoes with him in a heart beat for a 2nd chance at life? he can have this life sentence.

In ~~the~~ AD. SEG THERE IS NO REHABILITATION. WHEN THESE DUDES GO HOME THEY ARE SO STUCK IN THE STONED AGES. THEY HAVE NO WORK EXPERIENCES. NO EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY IS SO FAST THEY ARE STUCK. TEXAS PRISONS WAS THE LAST PRISON SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY TO GET PAY PHONES. BEFORE THAT SO MANY OF TEXAS PRISONERS NEVER KNEW WHAT OUR LOVED ONES VOICES SOUNDED LIKE. WE READ ARTICLES ABOUT SEG OR SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THE PRISON OFFICIALS SAY THIS PLACE IS THE WORST OF THE WORST. THAT MAY BE TRUE IN OTHER STATES BUT IN TEXAS SEG IS FULL AND THE MAJORITY OF STG (SECURITY THREAT GROUPS) PRISON GANGS. WHEN THEY GET CONFINED AS A SPECIFIC STG THEY GET SEGED. MOST OF THE TIMES THEY NEVER COMMITTED ANY RULE VIOLATIONS. SEGED DUE TO AFFILIATIONS.

SOME INMATES DO GET SEGED FOR RULE VIOLATIONS. BOTTOM LINE THOUGH IS PRISON IS SUPPOSE TO REHABILITATE US ~~be~~ TO BE RELEASED BACK INTO SOCIETY. I CANT SPEAK ABOUT POPULATION. IN SEG THERE IS NO T.V. WE HAVENT SEEN TV'S SINCE WE WERE IN THE FREE WORLD. SOME OF THESE DUDES HAVENT SEEN A T.V. SHOW OVER 10 PLUS YEARS. ME? OVER 18 YEARS. WE SIT IN A CELL ALL DAY. WE ARE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES THRU THE MAIL BUT IF WE DONT HAVE MONEY FOR IT OR DONT HAVE FAMILY? FRIENDS TO ORDER IT WE ARE OUTA THERE. IF I GOT SOME IM NOT ALLOWED TO PASS IT TO OTHER OFFENDERS. IT WOULD BE "TRAFFIC? TRADING" TDCJ RULES VIOLATION. AND DURING SHAKE DOWNS IF THE BOOKS, MAGAZINES

OR NEWS PAPERS HAVE ANOTHER inmates TDC# AND name on it, it will get CONFISCATED or even if its SCRATCHED OUT, still get TAKEN UP.

TDCJ OFFERS NO TYPE OF EDUCATION FOR THESE DUDES BACK HERE. NONE WHAT SO EVER. SO IF SOMEONE COMES TO PRISON AT AGE 20. DO 10 YEARS. GET RELEASED FROM SEG AT 30 YEARS OLD. THEY DIDNT GET A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED BEFORE PRISON. . . GUESS WHAT. . . AT AGE 30 YEARS OLD, THEY'LL BE IN THE STREETS WITH NO GED OR DIPLOMA, NO WORK EXPERIANIE, DONT HAVE A CLUE HOW TO USE A DAMN PHONE NOTHING. YOU TELL ME WHAT KIND OF JOB DO YOU THINK he will FIND? How SUCCESSFUL DO YOU THINK THAT DUDE will be? How long will he last before comein BACK to PRISON?

ASIDE FROM THE LACK OF EDUCATION & REHABILITATION SEG OFFENDERS RECEIVE. . . let me POINT OUT to YOU THE ~~the~~ PHYSICAL health PEOPLE IN SEG HAVE. YES WE CAN DO SOME KINDA WORK OUT IN OUR CELLS. . . ALL DAY EVERYDAY LOCKED AWAY IN A CELL HAS A toll ON YOU MENTALLY AND YOU LIVE WITH YOUR bunk RIGHT there. SOME PEOPLE JUST LAY AROUND ALL DAY. SLEEP. EAT, LAY AROUND. NOW HEALTHY DO YOU THINK SOME ONE will be livin like that 5 PLUS YEARS. OUR REC/DAYROOM IS ONLY bout 4 or 5 times bigger THEN OUR CELL. ONE Pull UP bar, table, stools, SINK toilet, THATS IT. How MOTIVATED DO YOU THINK A PERSON IS when they hit the STREETS? When OUR MOVEMENTS ARE LIMITED to A 8x10 CELL for 5-10 YEARS?

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TO CONSIDER. . . WE ARE STUCK IN THESE CELLS ALL DAY. WE HAVE TO DEPEND AND RELY ON EVERYONE ELSE TO DO THINGS FOR US. MAINLY OFFICERS. MY POINT THOUGH IS

SEG OFFENDERS LEARN to DEPEND ON OTHERS FOR THINGS.
FOOD, TOILET PAPER, PASS BOOKS, PASS KITES, EVERY SINGLE THING
WE SEG OFFENDERS DO, GET, HEAR OR EAT IS 100% DEPENDED
ON SOMEONE ELSE. SO WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WILL SURVIVE IN
THE WORLD WITH NO TYPE OF EDUCATION, WORK EXPERIANLE
AND ALWAYS DEPENDING ON OTHERS TO CARE FOR HIM? ALWAYS
HAVING THEIR ~~HANDS~~ HANDS OUT FOR THINGS INSTEAD OF GETTING
UP AND WORKING FOR A LIVING?

DONT GET ME WRONG. NOT EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT.
SOME PEOPLE LEARNED HOW TO USE ALL THIS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE
AND LEARNED TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.
SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN SURVIVORS. BUT THE MAJORITY ARENT,
PEOPLE WHO ARE SEGED AND ONE DAY GOING HOME ARE
BEING CULTIVATED TO BE A RE OFFENDING CRIMINAL. BE IT STEALING
PROSTITUTING, DRUG USAGE, DRUG DEALIN, ROBBERY OR MURDERING
SOMEONE. THEY WILL BE BACK. WHAT TOOLS DO THEY HAVE TO
USE TO BUILD A FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES BUT WHAT THEY LEARNED
BEFORE COMIN TO PRISON? CAUSE WHAT THEY LEARNED IN PRISON IS
NOTHIN BUT WASTED, ROTTING OF A LIFE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN READING THIS.
I WILL WRITE MORE DOWN THE ROAD ABOUT THIS TOPIC.

RESPECTFULLY
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