

A Description of Who I Am:

I have been in prison since 1999. I was 20 years old when I committed my crime. I had never been in any kind of trouble with the law and yet I was sentenced to die in prison in spite of mine being a non-homicide conviction and a first offense. My crime was that I participated in a kidnapping at the urging of the 47 year old man who befriended me at summer camp when I was a child and had been the lone parental figure in my life since bringing me to the United States at the age of 16.

Knowing the kind of young person I was then -- one who had learned English while completing high school and was attending Florida International University and Miami Dade Community College with ambitions of becoming a computer programmer -- I struggle every day to understand how I allowed such a bewildering derailment of not only my dreams but my morals and character. I do not excuse myself for my role in the terrible thing we did and I will continue to repent my actions for the rest of my life. It is painful to think of the crime I committed.

From my earliest days in prison, in spite of the lifelong incarceration facing me, I have set out to conduct myself as the kind of person who I know in my heart I was meant to be. I believe that my included resume of achievements during incarceration is indicative of both my sincerity and determination to prove this to myself.

I have worked diligently in the courts to win a reduction in the life sentence that all legal precedent suggests was

highly over-punitive. There are realistic possibilities still remaining to me -- like applying for clemency or an international treaty transfer to my native country of Venezuela -- but to have any chance of success I will require additional support and expertise. This is why I am reaching out into the world to tell people about myself, in the hope that I might one day be able to earn my freedom and live the rest of my life like the decent human being I know myself to be.

#### My Goals in Life:

To be a free man who contributes to society; to spend time with my family, especially my mother, who I have not seen since 1996; to live a happy and peaceful life close to nature; to marry a good woman with whom I can start a family; to talk to others about the principles found in the Bible and how applying them can benefit our lives; to learn the French language; to one day have a career as a painter in fine art and be a successful investor/trader in the financial markets.

#### How I Spend My Days in Prison:

I maintain a clear record of conduct and stay busy in pursuit of productive self-improvement by following a strict schedule of study activities every day. This includes:

- \* Painting in oil and pastel, and studying different techniques from books and art magazines.
- \* Study of the financial markets from newspapers, magazines, books and viewing the financial

channel CNBC.

- \* Bible study, and talking to others about the Bible.
- \* A little French study.
- \* A little exercise to maintain my health.

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