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Dear Readers,

Many of you guys wonder how the inside of a prison facility is. Maybe many of you guys have an idea which is made up of experiences from a male that was incarcerated. Only if you guys knew that our image of being able to smoke, inmates sticking together, food being good, and one ~~that~~ thing above all of that is once you get your time given to you; you do it and get out. How wrong we were! Not only that it gets so much worse for a female inmate. My name is Maria Elena Magaña #762311 and I'm incarcerated in McPherson Unit (302 Correction Drive Newport Ar 72112-8043). When I first got to this facility I was so ready to smoke me a cig & chill. How I was wrong along with so many new inmates that came in with me. The next thing that shocked me was that the female inmates do not stick together and do not hesitate to put the police on you for anything. The thing the female inmates like doing most is putting the police on other inmates by calling Prea. Even though inmates were consenting, but did you know when you get locked up you no longer have the right to decide whether or not you have intercourse. So you get punished for consensual sex. 30 days in the hole, can't buy commissary, and have to wait 3 months to get your class. Which leads to the next thing on my list of how wrong we were

about how prison is. We have to Obey So many Strict rules in order to go home. No talking in the hall-way, No talking after lights out 10:30pm & Can't get out of our beds. Can't have your hair up. Have to have your uniform and be fully ^{dressed} in Class A's if your Not In your bed. Can't walk in your brks with T-shirt and sweatpants during the day. ~~You also~~ (Though men Can walk with No t-shirt in the brk or on Rec yard.) Not following these Simple Rules leads to Getting Wrote up and Can't get your Class to go home for another 30 days. A lot of people in my facility Just Need there Class to go home but Can't seem to Get from a Class 4 to a 2. It's hard from a 4 to a 3 is 60 days and if you mess up and get wrote up dont matter if your 1 day shy of getting your 3 you have to start your 60 days all over again.

When I first got sentenced my 10 yrs and doing a percentage leaving me to Serve 2 1/2 I thought I'd Just do those 2 1/2 but each time I get in trouble it pushes my T.E date further out. No telling how long I'll do. I'm looking at 3yrs Now.

The food here would be good if they would season and Cook it fully like they do the officers food... We get the same thing but made differently. So it leaves us depending on Commissary but its like we Can't buy with our own money because were on Restriction Even though were Not in ~~Seg~~ Isolation.

The list goes on and on but I'm going to Close this out I'll write again, ~~with a topic~~ with the topic being about how my mentality has changed Coming to this Place.

Sincerely Maria!