

Prison

I am only 24 years old. I am in prison despite I wasn't found guilty. The system in courts have a thing called plea bargain, which removes your right to jury trial. The option isn't always bad but it can be. With Public defenders who are indifferent toward you and have reasons to not follow through a case to trial to save money, time, and effort, it isn't uncommon to see people go to prison through a plea bargain that is unjust. I've read the jury trial is one of the treasures of this country. So why did I not go to trial?

I was 20 years old without my right mind and was manipulated by my court appointed public defender since the day I met him. He really chose to not help me by who knows what reason. I decided that going to trial and face the death penalty with him would be stupid so I tried to get rid of him. Once I got to prison I noticed it was meant to keep people there not only by wire and fence but by making a prisoner as helpless as possible. The people are all on another agenda if they keep one. The post conviction process is such a

hassle because of the rules and because the people who you are against are on the same side as those who you are asking relief from.

I may spend the rest of my life in prison. Although I am considered mentally ill, I was once very high functioning. Best with the illness in the back of my head or not, I was aspiring to go to a university and play sports for fun. In high school I was in the wrestling, swimming, debate, and dive team. I had a full time job and two part time jobs during high school. Not to mention I was also homeless. Life showed me I need to stop everything to notice my true potential. The potential to fix my life and others lives as well. The big lie behind mundane days in and days out starts not with action but inaction. We are manipulated and most our peace of mind disappears at 18 years old. We join the world with all its oppression. I now see exactly how irresponsible I am for the actions that took part that night I am rotting in prison for.

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