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The Consequence to not Rehabilitating: A letter by: Dan Lewis

I am a convicted murderer and I will soon be coming to a neighborhood near you. Don't you find this exciting!? I do; after 13 years away, I can't wait to meet you, your family and the other neighbors. The years have been hard. After my conviction, I was sent to a Maximum Security Prison with brutal murderers and rapist. Boy, the things that I've learned! I can't wait to bring back the things I've learned, to our neighborhood. Did I say, "our"? See, I just can't wait!! I tried to change my ways, I swear! I tried hanging-out with the geeks that keep to themselves playing a Board Game called, "Dungeons and Dragons" but the officers kept taking the games accessories; so I went back to the other guys who taught me how to operate a team of extortionist. But after extorting the 11th sex offender, many of whom are in

Prison for having sexual relations with a 17y girl while they themselves were 18-20 y., I started feeling some sympathy for them for being placed in a category with grown men who have raped, mutilated and murdered 5y babies; so, I again distanced myself from that type of environment. This time, I decided to learn Spanish from a native of Mexico. The lessons caught the attention of the other guys and within 3 weeks, there were 7 people being taught an invaluable skill. But I guess all good things do come to a end. We were told by the guards that what we were doing was a "Threat to security" and needed to cease. It's OK though. 2 years later, I got my G.E.D. ! How only a G.E.D. can help me after 13 years, I have no idea. But, maybe you can invite me over to discuss it? Make sure that you keep your movements

Slow. I will be released from Segregation AKA 'The Hole' and I haven't had any significant interaction with another Human in 2 years. If you move too fast, you might trigger me and I don't want to mistake you for an inmate trying to hurt me. On seconds thought; maybe we shouldn't meet. I'm growing suspicious of you for some reason. You trying to set me up!? Say I robbed you so that you can get an Insurance Pay-back? You think that I don't know that when a crime is committed, law enforcement searches their database for anyone in the area released from prison recently?? No. You wouldn't do that. I'm sorry for over-reacting. After spending all of this time in prison with nothing constructive to do, it's hard to break away from that Criminal Mind-set. I really can't wait to meet

ya'll. All the neighbors. A heads up before I end this: I haven't been outside under the stars in 13 years, so if you see me walking around in the night, don't be alarmed; you can rest easy knowing I'm out there keeping our neighborhood safe.

(Hysterical laughter) See you soon!

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To the reader: What you just read was my style of Shock Treatment  
~~to those~~

To those who feel that prison should be all about punishment for a crime, while also addressing a few issues. The message is clear:

You can provide inmates the chance to participate in rehabilitating programs and crafts to help stimulate an alternate way of thinking or you can lock people away for long periods of time and

HOPE they learn their lesson and not "lessons in crime". Either way, one thing is for certain. We will be released and though some will not move to your neighborhood, whether that be Beverly Hills or Bronx, NY, there is absolutely nothing to stop us from 'dropping by' or from us seeing you out in public. ~END~

\* DISCLOSURE - I wrote in first person for maximum effect. But because it wasn't me doing all things stated, that does not mean it isn't true; in this aspect, absolutely everything stated (with the exception of Eleven extortions) is true.

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Actually, the only thing that wasn't me is the part about the 'Hole and

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Eleven extortions of sex offenders.

Though it do happen. Everything happens