

The Person You Become

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The Michigan Department of Corrections policy directive states that all prisoners in segregation shall be provided with one hour of out of cell activity five days a week along with one ten minute shower three days a week and one fifteen minute phone call per week. Whenever you exit your cell a thorough body search will be conducted along with all items you are carrying prior to escort.

I was taught in Alcoholics Anonymous, that to do the same thing over and over again expecting the same result is insanity, but yet this is the life I live for the past decade of my life day in and day out. To allow yourself to become institutionalized would be to conform to this life I have been forced to live, and to conform would mean to accept the charges I received for a crime I did not even mean to commit while under the influence of alcohol. When even the person I mistakenly victimized stated in court that she did not want me to go to prison for the offense I committed. But yet here I sit 10 years later. And to accept the charges against me would mean I am just as guilty as the people I am surrounded by who actually meant to do what they did.

Meanwhile the state of Michigan collects

thousands of dollars a year off of me person
they inaccurate, ranking in the top ten states
for having the largest prison population

I send my country honorably going overseas
in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation
Enduring Freedom. And this is how I am
surrounded? I went from being a prominent
member of society to a inmate and a statistic
by a top of a judges malice. Trapped in a state I
am not run from, so there's a lack of character
witnesses to tell of the person I truly am and
not what the state of Michigan is making me
out to be.

I've learnt to keep my head up, no matter
what I am surrounded by. Because it will only
try to bring you down. To their level, and the
people who are really trying to better themselves
which is few and far between are still in the
process searching for their true identities. It's
a place where a persons true demons reveal
themselves, and if you are not happy with the
person you are or the person you'd become it
shows, both when you look in the mirror and
in your personality. It's a place where the broken,
the uneducated and the lost, are given a
chance to find and fix themselves.

It's a place where a persons beliefs are their
strongest asset. Because everyone believes in
different things, and sincerely faith the ultimate

goal is to become the best person you can be and
earn reputation in your own beliefs. So no
matter what your faith is, it all comes down
to this. If you're not trying to be the best person
you can be, and you're not happy with the
person you are or the person who've become.
Who are you really?