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My name is AJ, known as #212698 by the AZ DOC. As I sit here in county jail awaiting sentencing for crimes I didn't commit, I reminisce on my imprisonment inside AZ's broken and corrupted penal system. And I think about their attempted assassinations I've survived.

I have been incarcerated in the APCRR nearly my entire adult life, since 2006, subject to its racist, murderous ways, and have survived. Like most politically conscience prisoners, I know how the ADC uses racial factions to control the masses, and to keep us divided, puppeteering the "heads" of self-serving gangs like the Eme and the AB. I knew this at a young age, which is why, in 2009, myself and two comrades founded an organization to combat not only the corrupt prison officials, but also the gangs those officials manipulated. Slowly we grew, and, to this day, are still growing. The ADC's intelligence units, SSU and STG, have never been able to identify our organization's name or its members, but they knew the seed was planted, and growing. In 2017 I learned, through a deputy warden, that, by way of intel gifted to the enemy, I am on the Mexican Mafia's hit list. That did not deter me. Unable to label our group, STG falsely labeled me as a member of Esquina Familia Dosé. Then things escalated. Transferring me to a PC unit against my will in 2018, ADC sent its hitmen twice, and twice, though briefly hospitalized one of the times, I survived. But the ADC wasn't through - they probably never will be. Conscience of the strength of my organization, the ADC tried another way to assassinate me: death by imprisonment. Dir. David Shinn, who took ADC's reigns from Charles "Vador" Ryan in 2019, has levied 15 new felony charges of assault on a C.O. against me. Each charge carried between 3.5 and 7.5 years in prison. But I survived. By the grace of a higher power, my penpal-turned-friend brought me a private lawyer, and my upcoming sentencing will result in no time added to my incarceration. But assassins must be persistent. And so when I leave this county (Maricopa) I must go and fight EVEN MORE bogus assault charges in yet another county (Pinal), this time with a depleted legal defense fund. The State is doing everything in its power to assassinate me - my reputation, my spirit, my very life - desperate to

forever keep an awakened mind imprisoned. I write today because tomorrow I might not be able to. I'll return to ADC soon, where their officials will likely look for the coup de grâce. For now, I continue to survive and resist. Because, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "To cooperate passively with an unjust system makes the oppressed as evil as the oppressor."

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