

Dear APWA, "Viral Audience Included"

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Hello World, First and foremost how is everybody out there doing? I need hope & pray ~~aspire~~ ^{aspire} the pandemonium that the current pandemic ^{has} the world currently tilted on its axle. Big Thanks & Salvo to APWA for all efforts toward allowing its under-rated incarcerated Global Citizens to engage in a universal conversation with the entire world that I know is "curious" about the conditions affecting this "substratum" or under current of its marginalized loved ones that swear that the rest of the world has adopted the bit of stagnant "out of mind" ideology philosophy toward those of us currently "buried alive" in these U.S. prisons. With that being said, here is my introduction to that "very attentive" part of society that I know is wanting to relieve me & my fellow brethren with open ears & ears. My name is Jernell James Robey #157360 Inland Dept. of Corrections, PARK ROAD Michigan City, IN 46360 Address subject to change so feel free to look me up on the DOC website to ascertain my current or future location within the state to be exact, I am writing at this current moment to highlight some of the current conditions of a pandemic riddled prison society as a whole full of "atrocities" unlike anything the "free world" could imagine from first hand testimony drawn from my own experiences from witnessing these calamities myself or actively engaging in some of the dysfunction myself because just like the "average human being" which I am not different than in terms of not being perfect, we all make mistakes & often times repeatedly. I have been incarcerated only literally months shy of 20 yrs since 2003 for Murder, Possession of Handgun w/out license" and I am 35 yrs young in terms of my physical health. But truly Dis by a myriad of experiences that have truly aged me from within. The prison experience has changed drastically over the last couple of decades from being a Dept. of "Corrections" so that is now a Dept. of Commerce, meaning that "it's" core values has changed from bettering its inmates which ultimately better society as a whole through more inspiration in the manner in which they lead by example in exhibiting redemptive qualities that are so foreign to the neighborhoods they come from and from the past character that they are undeniably attached to whether it be by "Criminal Record" or the "reputation" alot of us established on the street. For example, look at the late Stanley Torkie Williams former Gang leader/Founder of well renowned "Crip" gang responsible for many a "spike" in the U.S. crime rate across the country, this founder of one of the most infamous criminal syndicates before his execution evolved into a Nobel Prize nominee, Children Books Author and true catalyst for a whole "rehabilitation of character & convict movement" nationwide.

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I can remember distinctly how many a "gang member" or criminal period for that matter instantly was ruckled to tears when they witnessed this man's evolution when they saw "Daniel Fox" portray his life in a "biopic" years ago on T.V. I highlight or place emphasis on the "Stanley Tooke" Williams story so intimately due to the fact that the man "did not" institute this type of "interval" reform like others do in terms of trying to play the system in order that his life might be spared but he entered this road or conquest as a chance or opportunity to make a personal atonement for the damage he did to his community whether it be directly or indirectly by example. And him being so honest about the difficulties in attempts at "evolving" into this changed man ^{while} still trying to promote change for a world where all us "convicts" are eternally "linked ball in chain" to that "criminal reputation" that we've carefully manufactured over the years when we adopt that "Cradle to the Grave" concept of philosophy that often ^{times} comes back to bite us in the ass literally like it did "Tooke" when "Earl Schenckenger" denied his various reputed attempts at "clemency" and terminated his ass by legal means of "Lethal Injection". R.I.P. your legacy lives on through continuous efforts made by those who strive to do better even when knowing that due to past transgressions they may never truly be rewarded for those efforts toward change in this lifetime.

I place "Tooke's" story on the 1st page or two of my essay truly because I know personally no other system or struggle than that of "Maximum Security" confinement which can be "crushing" to the soul of the "warden" and often times is, when I first started doing time there was "2 for 1" meaning that you only did half your time so alot of long sentences could be completed even for those most "severe" offenses because with things like time cuts for education, good behavior and "sentence modification" guys after decades of incarceration were often given a "second shot" at society but as of 2011 men "tough on crime" legislation by lawmakers enacted 75% to 85% execution of sentences for non-violent & violent offenses across the state of Indiana, so with that being said you robbed men for the most part of all their hope when they began to calculate their own fates when they began to realize that their sentences reached well beyond the point of natural life expectancy so in other words the question many a criminal ask themselves before even considering or attempting change is "what's the use"? So this "tough on crime" approach has made the prison experience as a whole 1,000 times more

Page #3 detrimental to the soul & spirit of the prisoner challenging life head on
and defeating him or her well before he can ever think of being a Champion
Mental health needs as of today are the most urgent set of demands placed
on the Department as a whole due to the fact that alot of us don't know how
to "effectively" communicate a crisis need because alot of us are use to creating
or causing crisis, so the victim theory alot of times is shut out at the door
and many of our claims are shelved and placed in the middle stacks of missing
caseloads that are left to the custody of understaffed personnel who are outnumbered
by inmates at unbelievable staff to offender ratios which are left to be resolved
by Federal Courts on 8th Amendment "Deliberate Indifference" Case & Unusual
Punishment claims which prisoners often times are forced to file in order
to promptly change Department wide. The saddest part about that tragedy before
the beauty blossoms from a favorable judgement from the courts is that the prisoners
may have suffered irreparable harm at the neglectful hands of those left to
control the conditions of these housed in the institutions. From my own personal
file here are preludes of my last suicide attempt 11-29-21 only (12) hours
after an earlier suicide attempt 11-26-21 during a very tough Thanksgiving
holiday weekend in which an inadequately trained (psych) department prematurely
removed me from suicide watch observation after repeated attempts at trying
to get more counseling, medication, therapy, etc. Patterns or practices of the unprofessional
sort have led to an increased amount of suicides, homicides, inmate on inmate assaults,
inmate on staff assaults, etc. The whole cord of the soul or spirit has been severed
leaving alot of inmates paralyzed while their stills stand when they eventually come
to the realization that they are being housed and not helped which is a stark
contrast from how prisons use to be & should be ran compared to what they
have decided into in this current day (cess pods) for the most part, Catfish
wouldnt peel off alot of the remains of those that society as a whole
has discarded. But once again I'm so thankful to APLH for giving
not just me but my fellow brethren & sister an opportunity to shine
in this viral sea and find a food source so I can provide some

Pg. 4 Spiritual nourishment to the soul of the reader who can then do the same for me in return, ask for nothing for free & plan on earning the attention of whoever makes real contact with me through the sincerity of my message, just like Jesus articulated to his future apostles at the time in a language they understood due to their profession, Come with me for I'll make you fishers of men" there has to be some spiritual bait to draw that rich supply that nature provides to the person who supplies the soil with a seed, So long as the earth remains there will be seed time harvest" For the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few, everybody wanna eat but nobody wanna do the dishes, apetites are huge but work ethic are small, I'm trying to stay humble & hungry and in full pursuit of my purpose, My release date is currently Sept. 2024 with eligibility of 3 more years of time credit so I plan to use this "public" forum as a stage in which I plan to educate & entertain my audience domestically & abroad if blessed with that type of viewership, I am in dire need of the positive reinforcement that can be generated from any sort of feedback because one thing I can gather from this "introductory experience" is that this association and its website as a whole is so specific in terms of what it stands for on its "face" alone that it will only draw the attention of those that ~~are~~ are truly interested in this particular way of "life" and looking to "create" an "avenue" for relief of some sort to deal with this difficult mechanism that many of us are still trying to navigate" are way through day by day and as said as it sounds many are scheduled to do it until the end of their days and I feel that is truly God's will for me with the help of other concerned parties to be a catalyst for an already ongoing "Prison Reform Movement" nationwide. Please feel free to write me back at your earliest convenience and trust that I will accept all forms of constructive criticism, motivation, inspiration and will be sure to duly give the blessing until my next time I leave for the same way of applied Peace & Blessings. Please Post this Introduction as an Essay!!! "2022" with Photos Attached!!!