"Warehousing Inmates"
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Colorado is the state who is the architect of the injustice of warehousing inmates by the thousands. The frightful number of Correctional Facilities in Colorado alone, is not only mind-boggling, but an obvious disclosure for the financial gain being made by filling as many concrete and metal bunks as physically possible.

Divining deeper, with first hand experience, gave me insight into a formidable court system layered with ineffective counsel and coercion.

Colorado manipulates vulnerable people with such disturbing ease, that all public eyes should be wide open, considering the tax payers are footing the cash. Colorado utilizes multiplicity charges as a scare tactic to force fear into people, making them feel that a maximum plea agreement is a good choice. I had no idea what I signed up for and what it would mean for my future until it was far too late. Before being arrested, I struggled heavily with addiction and mental health, living a hard and scary life. After my arrest, it took a couple of years for my mind and body to heal from my previous, severe, drug use. With the help of medication and therapy, my mind normalized over time, and that’s when the reality set in that I signed a 48 year plea agreement. As a piece of merchandise for 19 years, who has existed on concrete bunks in 9 of Colorado’s facilities, who is making all that money? Surely the private prisons are!

Rehabilitation is a stark option and rarely offered unless the individual has little time to serve, and is in the right facility to help them prepare for re-entry into society. Over all these years, I’ve seen many, many familiar faces return after release, some guys over and over again, but maybe that’s the point!