

Greetings

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I Pray all are staying safe, healthy and well... Amen

This is in response to your message of Feb 15, 2022.

- How has it been since sentenced to DBI?

For me it's been hopeless at times. Being innocent makes you wonder if freedom is possible without having to lie.

- What was life like before the sentence?

I was a crackhead, prostitute, but even in that horrid state - I had hope.

- What has it been like during this sentence?

For me, as time passes, it gets scarier & scarier.

Scary because the older I get in this system the more they tend not to care about our safety, our health, our well being - it's "Hurry up and get old" then

it becomes "Hurry up and die". When I first came to prison, 33 years ago, the "Oldseers" tried to

help you in all ways possible. Now if you have a situation or problem - the answer is "I don't

know what to tell you". The Newer generation

rules this prison and the older generation

just sits in their cell because all we were

thought - respect; dignity - self-esteem - courage - healing etc... has gone out the window.

- What am I most proud about? My relationship with my higher power. Without them I can't and won't get through a day.

- Accomplishments? They are many - but I love the fact I am a College Grad. Associates degree in Business - My most prized aspect is "Staying" Clean/Sober. Haven't touched an illegal nor legal drug since incarcerated.

- Having dreams, goals -

never had these before until now. My dream is to travel with Jaye Myers & tell my story so I could stop someone from becoming me or serving a DBI. I want to own my own cleaning business and love on my family.

My Goals are to give back to society; Help others in my shoes; Help prevent others from ~~being~~ wearing my shoes and to

be the most productive - positive person I can be.

- Commutation / Pardon

Sometimes I think Commutation is just a "Carrot dangling in my face to lead me where they want me to go" I will never get the Carrot!

Them, as I see, some have gotten the carrot. So I guess it all depends on who you are, who you know and the support system you have. I don't have any of that - Carrot is far away for me, at times hopeless. But in God, "Everything" is possible.

- Should the law be changed / DBI

Yes, I believe they should, not because I'm innocent, but because the justice system is inconsistent as well as unjust.

Ex: Someone kills/murders someone, they do it - they say they did it and they receive 2 1/2 - 5 yrs then comes after shadowing police, and being a prostitute for months, and they have a violent record.

Someone, no evidence, does not commit murder but is accused of it, never did time, cooperates with police - but lives a hard lifestyle - they get DBI, because it was election year.

How is this fair? More people serving DBI have been incarcerated longer than they have been free. I came to jail when I

was 26, I am 59 now. We all make mistakes, some grave mistakes, some momentary ones - never the less "mistakes". And for the most part - won't do it again. What if every bracket,

fender bender, scrape on a car - came with a life sentence - They'd be no more driving - Hence they named them "Accidents" for a reason. Every body makes wrong choices at some point and time - we pay for those ~~errors~~^{errors} and we move on. DFI does not let us move on - Not does DFI correct their error. Because "Murderers" are incarcerated - doesn't mean it's any easier, or more comforting - most victims act in the heat of the moment and would the "Murderer" to suffer, I get it - I've been on that side as well - but in the end - it didn't matter - Cause my boyfriend's non brother returned from the dead once the "murderer" were locked up. So, I personally didn't care if they were freed - as long as they learned and turned from their ways. Believe me, keeping "Life Sentenced People" incarcerated doesn't ease anything - unless they are a serial killer; in that case "Mental Ward". Not incarceration for life. Get help - seek to help - while the victim's family grieves so does the incarcerated's family. 2 families ruined permanently. Children growing up bitter and angry because of DFI

and then parents being apart if it - what
do you think they'll become?

I tried to write out of feelings - hope
you can use something - and I apologize if
you can't.

Thank You

Take care

Stay Safe

Be Blessed

Love A. J. [Signature]