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Hello Astha Shazma Pokharel,

I received your JPay letter today. It is truly a blessing. Knowing that we LWOPs have thousands of people out in the real world fighting for us. I am humbled. Thank you all.

My story is like so many others who are incarcerated seeing life without the possibility of parole being punished for not just the crime I committed, but the traumas that the adults at that time refuse to acknowledge, traumas, they simply ignored.

I murdered Keisha Brown why? I was a ticking time bomb. Traumatized by what my mother was being subjected to. She was a young mother being her best. She didn't deserve to be abused. She didn't deserve to be humiliated, disrespected, and treated as if she didn't matter. I was my mother's biggest fan. Until I started being physically abused. NEVER EVER told why. I am 48 years old, I still don't know. The abuse definitely played a huge role in my mistreatment of women. Today I have insight. I am willing to tell my story, to anybody who is willing

to listen. Because of the pain I
caused The BROWN'S family, I was
inspired to create my own Domestic
violence self help group. Here at
CALIFORNIA state prison. which I am
going through the steps of getting this
self help group approved, I have
gotten passed the shame. I know
there are people on these prison
yards, that are trying to deal with their
traumas the best way they know how.
Creating this group is my way, one of
the ways I plan on giving back.
to help those who were abused, who
were the abusers, or witness to this
behavior. I do this for women like
my mother. I do this for Keisha Brown.
I do this, because it is the right
thing to do. you have my permission
to use anything that I said you guys.
I will continue programming, staying
positive, focused, living around.

Sincerely
BRIAN Deemel Dotson

ALIVE, BUT CONDEMNED

There has been a lot of chatter, and positive conversations, being had, about the forgotten. Who are the forgotten? The forgotten are the LWOP's. A group of prisoners who are discriminated against. Who reside in a country that have laws that protect its citizens against discriminatory practices, but not LWOP's. The science says the brain isn't fully developed till the age of twenty-five. ~~was twenty-five~~. I was twenty-two when I committed an awful crime of murder. I would think I, we, would have been the first ones these doctors, these scientists. Would have observed a lot closer. Alive, but condemned. The way I do my time, you wouldn't think I had life without the possibility of parole. At 48, I still workout. I stay positive, I stay focus, and I continue to be motivated to improve me. When are you getting out of there? How do I respond? My response is they're letting us out. I mentioned staying focused sometimes it is not always easy. Especially, when you know you ain't got shit coming. Remaining the optimist. I also understand, I could NEVER, make it out of here. The anxiety, days where you feel like, "damn." Has anybody paid attention to Brian Dremel Dotson? Because you will know I am not the twenty-two year old impulsive, impatient, arrogant, disrespectful, irresponsible, rebellious, hard-headed kid. Yes, a kid. At twenty-two, I had the mindset of a teenager. As an LWOP I, we, could be used in a way that can benefit society, communities, even the world. If California is serious about prison reform, allow us to fully be a part of that process.

Thank you!

Brian Dremel Dotson

I am not a politician. I see how we have become a tool for a politician who is pushing tough on crime bills. As Pete Wilson, Gray Davis, and rest of them. How did that work?

IN SHALLAH. When I get out. Social work.
Being a mentor. Working with kids is
my calling