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RF: QUESTIONAIRE

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38 yrs old

July 12, 1979

Resided in Racine before my incarceration.

PMR (Presumptive Mandatory Release): November 19, 2017

Mandatory Discharge Date: September 11, 2022

I've done 18 yrs and 33 days in prison.

Crimes convicted of: Armed Robbery with Use of Force

Attempted Homicide while armed

Possession of TIC (Munitions) with

intent to deliver

agreed JHT (fellows) of gold brief

Crimes committed on: September 11, 1997

I am under the Old Law

I am guilty as charged - though I feel I should have been charged with 1° Reckless Injury as opposed to Attempted 1° Homicide

I was given a 75yr sentence (42+30+3)

I had a Family Law attorney appointed through the Public Defender's Office

- 1° Reckless Injury better suits my actions, especially factoring in details like:
- \* The gun was found at the scene, though I fled
  - \* I fired shots to scare
  - \* The veteran (20 plus yrs) detective testified that I was "surprised" the victim got shot
  - \* Warren's abdomen wound is consistent with my running away and the manner in which I shot the gun. (They say I turned and fired)
  - \* 7 days before my sentence a guy out on parole was sentenced to 50yrs for 2° homicide in a plea deal. Even though he set the person Apache First-up to be killed and shot him multiple times. Most while standing over him.
  - \* My pleas was 75yrs: if I pled to Attempt homicide and robbery they'd drop the (smallest) THC charge.

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- \* I was an honor roll student, who skipped half of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I've gotten well over 50-75 awards, certificates from Perfect Attendance to Black History. Been on Student Council and served as CAC vice President. I graduated high school June 8, 1997 (3 months before my crime)
- \* I worked at KFC, Denny's, Rank Video, Main Gallery (2x's), Telemarketing, Hardee's, and Goodwill Industries

2) I have a few friends / family members who write. Most are unable to help with funds and/or visit.

This makes prison time a little more harder, as I don't have loved one's I can be myself with. Plus the human body needs to be hugged and humans need to hear "I LOVE YOU" every now and then.

What could prison do to help?  
How about a state sponsored bus? Or the state can get money from those of us in prison. I'd pay \$25-30 to have them bring my mom up here (ain't seen her in 15yrs)  
Of course the bus would be organized in such a way to make it effective for all those involved. The visiting room can't hold every body! Maybe they can do it on the

weekend and extend visiting hours to like 8pm. The bus money I would cover the overtime cost for the officers. They could even do a fundraiser to cover the cost of buying/renting a bus. [RCCI just did a pizza fundraiser that raised a total of \$8750 (875 pizzas at \$10) \$2619 going to the Special Olympics of...]

DOC could also do an 8-10yr rotation at RCI (Racine Corr Inst) as most prisoners are from the Racine-Milwaukee area, even a majority from Chicago. DOC could ensure that each prisoner has a chance to do at least 10% of his time in a facility that's closest to "home." Especially at the conclusion of one's time in prison.

3) I disagree with the statement over incarceration causes crime. Crime comes from within a person. We all have choices. Life shows that even siblings & or those from similarly situated socio-economic backgrounds respond differently to tragic events in life. Boils down to choices.

16 - I did not have my father at home while growing up

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To the best of my knowledge my Pops has done <sup>pg 3</sup>  
jail time

Yes, several of my family members have done time.  
(Mom, all 3 of my brothers, several cousins)

Yes, the "yes" to the above question makes a  
difference in my prison experience. I feel like  
they gave me enough time to last my family  
a life time. NO MORE. Now I'm determined to  
"get out and stay out". As well let my estranged  
daughter know that prison is not her destiny & or  
purpose in life. Amen. Hate that prison was a legacy  
in my family this long. Made a difference in my  
prison experience cause it's like subconsciously - I  
was raised to be here. Keep in mind I went  
to a prison I watched be built (Rachne Youthful  
Offender Correctional Facility)

Role Models growing up... "Cliff Huxtable" "Doogie  
Howser" 2Pac Bone Thugs-n-Harmony No Limit  
(Rappers)

Gangs as a whole didn't influence me as much as  
individual members.

Gangs were a negative support system in my life.  
They only encouraged me to be good at thug life

and criminal activity. Even in prison I've been told more than once "Man you should try your hand at pimpin..."; "Man with your brains, bet you could make millions in the (dope) game..."

4) The prisoners inside who helped me truly grew as a person number less than 7. The number of staff members gotta be like 10. (3 chaplains 1 Social worker 1 Psychologist 1 Food service worker 2 90's 2 Teachers) Plus Bible Study Volunteers ~~and~~ & 1 Librarian. Give more credit to the inter-loan library program (which is now extinct) for my growth than do the DOC as a whole.

9) Health care problems

- \* lack of compassion / nurses act more like executioners
- \* abuse of co-pay (charge when not supposed to. Now you have to fight death-mail to get a refund)
- \* lack of wanting to get to the root of the problem. Everything is contributed to "... it's just deluge..."
- \* No matter the problem the usual prescription generic aspirin/ibuprofen & an ice bag.
- \* Violations of the Hippocratic Oath
- \* Corners constantly cut. The unwritten rule is - a good nurse will do her best to save the state money
- \* lack of communication between the health care professionals

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## Good things

- \* a few of the newly hired nurses - still have a heart for their patients & integrity. Every now & then you get the treatment you would want you to have. But rarely if ever are you treated like a Green Bay Packer. Let Jerry Nelson even whince & he'll get carted off & put on flight for life!
- \* All my social health care experiences have been solely the answer to prayer(s).

## 10) Training Received

- \* Vocational Printing → 2001 / effective learned a skill(s)
- \* Anger Management → 2002 / not really effective. They spoke more to my intellect as opposed to my heart
- \* Project Citizen → 2008 / effective. Taught how to submit legislation to the Government. (this was a voluntary program)
- \* Restorative Justice → 2010 / THE MOST EFFECTIVE. ITS tenets spoke to my HEART - which needed to be rehabilitated. Best program. It should be MANDATORY. I even learned who I AM / CAN BE in here. Experienced compassion for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in prison. I ~~that~~ voted the co-guest speaker I learned I was a gifted writer.

Skills I can use once out, courtesy of DOC - my

ability to use a printing press, Konica (copy machine) screen printing, etc.

I haven't received any important training or treatment since TIS was enacted. I'm on the waiting list for Thinking 4 Change (which I was given last year after doing the COMPAS after 19 yrs in prison) and on the wait list for AODA.

But the asterick is being put in the programs is based on release date. I'm hindered by having a PMR. I have to get an endorsement from the Parole Board to get in my programs. Even then "they" only have to take it into consideration at PRC, so my participation isn't etched in stone.

Meanwhile you get bumped on the list every time a bus drops off those w/ T4C ~~etc~~ who get out before you. Ouch!

Meanwhile they don't have an AODA program for what they term low-risk offenders, like myself. When I tried to get it removed as a need because of this I was told, "that's true there isn't a program (AODA) for your status, but you got a lot of time yet to serve & who's to say the program won't be created tomorrow."

One thing I can use when I get out is Computer classes. I know nothing of the internet, smart phones,



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Facebook, text messaging, going viral, apps, etc.

- 11) The library at RGC is archaic & inadequate. Every time you look up books are being taken out the library. Most books removed are Resource oriented like, Company addresses, Song writers Market, Artist Market, Book of book ever published, etc. Recently they got rid of such magazines as - Writers Digest, Entrepreneur, Black Enterprise, Poets & Writers, Small Business Opportunities, Psychology Today. All the mags now are "entertainment" oriented (People, Entertainment weekly, ESPN, Sports Illustrated, US, People (in Spanish) Rolling Stone, etc.) They got rid of the Racine Journal Times & other newspapers. All the "new" books are off the NY Best sellers list again - fiction - mainly. They'll get the newest hard novel before they get a new business book, say written by the Sharks (Shark Tank).

The law library is inadequate. The computers may be cost effective but they're not as better than the books. The Lexis Nexis only gives you a random selection of 100 cases on any subject. Then certain things are "blocked." They hire people who knew nothing of the law to ensure you don't get any help - feel me? Most of the clerks barely knew how to use the computers themselves. Dikes.

The best thing going was the inter-library loan program, which was done away with in like 2012 or 13. Apparently it cost too much ~~to~~ to ship books back & forth. I used this program to teach myself fashion design.

You can get some ~~be~~ free books to prisoners resources but it's always a fight with property. Each officer is allowed his/her own interpretation of the rules.

The obstacles to our overall growth & development is access to outside resources. There once was a resource binder on each unit & at the chapel in 2012. That was the year I asked the Chaplain (Barrows) if we could get it updated as the info was from 2001. Sure he'd talk to his boss & that was the last I seen or heard of it.

Not everyone can afford the resource catalogs that are offered through various prison organizations. So I don't even have access to church addresses in Racine. Keep in mind we don't even get access to the yellow pages!! There's a resource room that can only be accessed by those with a release date within a year.

Impact publishers sells a plethora of reentry resources, ureless, books, etc but the DOC often buys

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The books that are not filled with addresses. There's a Reentry Resource for \$29.95 but they haven't purchased it! They just got books on doing a resume & cover letter, and best jobs for ex-offenders.

Then the DOC last year made the Reentry modules a self-study course. Then they gave the 8 social workers only 2 copies of each of the 8 individual modules. And despite them not being mandatory there's still a waiting list that's based on Release Date.

There are a few resources available to me that will allow me to make the most of my incarceration. A few writing books at the library, plus an encyclopedia of careers, a writer's/ poet market, that's about it. Guess religious services would count as a deal.

Mainly Christ Jesus is my tool. And the DOC had nothing to do with Him being in my life. Because of Him I have the ingenuity, grit & determination to be all I can be. So I save cents on the hour to buy books from places like Edward R. Hamilton. I use these books to teach myself fashion writing, critical thinking, entrepreneurship, speaking

Diet → lots of pastas, chicken patty, hamburger pattys bread, light breakfast (cereal & toast) took care

single serve salt packets, but didn't take Raven needles at canteen. The food leaves you lethargic, gassy, upset, - 99% of the food is processed take a toll on you after while, hence everyone needing stool softener -

The open courtyard allows you an abundance of recreation, level know rec & weight room always closed, as RC-CI uses those officers for emergency medical trips.

12) See Parole October 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. (Pray for me - Believing God for a miraculous release. Ephesians 3:20)

\* Nothing given by agent or DOC to prepare for release.

\* Yes I have a place to live (my auntie) [pending approval]

\* Can get ID before I leave / or get de minimam

\* plan to buy my own clothes

\* may need a bus pass - if can't get picked up!

Specific issues) Repeatedly slept on the floor in C.I. due to over crowding. (they put 2 people in single occupancy cells.

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Misc) There's alot of things in the DOC that are

swept under the fridge" so to speak. A lot

of psychological warfare. A lot of nonchalantness

on behalf of staff. A lot of chores being made

by them via their own personal feelings as opposed

to going by the book. Lack of % integrity effects

alot of things in this atmosphere. Safety is compromised

by %s constantly being on the phone, not at the

desk, horse playing using abusive language, etc

Meanwhile as of late alot of things - concern

even money deposits are being "shipped" to St Louis

(Access company/Keefe) so when ~~they~~ there over

invaluable problems it's harder to rectify the

situation. Who do you talk to? Exactly. Referrals

from cancer take like 30 days if not more. And

you know the going to be problems when your family

has to send # orders all the way to St Louis, who

knows how long it's going to take to get on your

books?

Prison is a shallow relationship. Every body

looks the part tall. it's carefully examined under

a microscope. That's when you see this "clean house"

just shuffled everything in the closed, even & basement

Beneath the "Reality: harage do ~~excess~~ success" poster

is nothing but political jargon. & that it has plenty of

fine print & technicalities. Closely examine the

Library & you'll see the uselessness of 90% of  
the titles to choose from. And you'll see several  
of the 20 magazines are severely outdated ~~BE~~  
(February 2017) & just up there for show (to the  
tourists / open house). Examine the paint (color  
choices) & you'll see this is literally a  
menhery. No wonder people sleep 12 hrs a day.  
But the shrink never talks to them! Yet  
they put me on MIT 1 monitoring for writing a  
thank you note to my teacher (they said it  
was "excessive") And they'd rather save tax  
payer \$ by putting in dim led lights &  
have the facets sprinkle water out than  
let people go home! Ask the Doc what happens  
to the interest they collect on inmate accounts.  
Also you are discouraged from going to higher  
education unless it's through UW Platteville.  
So much so they'll tell you, you get financial  
aids after the time limit! And now every  
2 yrs those in correspondence courses have to  
take a TABE test. What's that about? Exactly