

The simple truth is a juvenile, at let's say age 15 to 17 years old only has 15 to 17 years of experience at living life, at experiencing themselves. It's experience that ultimately determines how a person applies their intellect, their emotions and themselves as a whole. So it's not about intellect, or emotions, it's about the application of these things.

For those that try to justify JLWOP using the intellectual capacity, the emotional stability or maturity of a juvenile, I must ask you this: looking at yourself in retrospect, would you choose to go back to being the person you were at 15 to 17 and stay that exact way for the rest of your life? I assume you'll answer no, despite how mature and intelligent you were as a juvenile. Even if you didn't commit a crime as extreme as murder or any crime for that matter as a juvenile, you still find a plethora of reasons why it wouldn't be fair, or logical or right to be condemned FOREVER as a juvenile. If we were all permanently stuck in our 15 to 27 year old state of evolution, I'm sure it's only be a matter of time before human kind diminishes. It'd be like defying the evolutionary process of nature.

In closing I would like to say that juvenile crime is not a product of ruthless, coldhearted teens. It's a product of a system failed. We are what we consume.

QUESTIONNAIRE: To all prisoners in the WI system

We need data on what you are given in the way of treatment, training in preparation for release as we only have anecdotal evidence right now. Please consider filling out this form as it will have many uses and will be widely shared. If enough of you fill this out, we will have a powerful tool to use for real change. Please be honest and include data you consider favorable as well as unfavorable. We ask you to help if you can and add information you think we missed. Return the forms to: FFUP/ c/o peg Swan; 29631 Wild Rose Drive, Blue River, WI 53518. And thanks much to all who help.

This is squinched from 4 to 2+ pages to fit in newsletter- please use your own paper if needed to expand answers. Put down number you are answering if you use your own paper. And thankyou.

1) personal data:

name/ number/ prison /age and birth year / YANCE HERNANDEZ- Smith

what city/county did you reside before incarceration? MILWAUKEE

release date/length of time in prison/ 2051, 28 YEARS OF CURRENT IN CARCERATION time

crime convicted of/Date of crime for which you were convicted: are you TIS or OL? 4 CT. ARMED ROBBERY, 1st BURGLARY

guilty as charged(yes) (no)/length of sentence given 20 YEARS EACH COUNT. CONSECUTIVE. TOTAL 90 YEARS

Did you have a private lawyer? Public defender? PUBLIC DEFENDER

Add items you think are important but be factual and focused. HONORABLE DISCHARGED VIET NAM VETERAN held AGAINST ME at SENTENCING HEARING AS JUDGE STATED " YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THEN WHAT MAX GIVEN "

For the rest of the questions, use more paper if you need- just write the number on the new sheet of the question you are answering

2) support from outside:

Do you have family or friends in touch with you- do they visit/write/ help with funds/what difference does that make in your time in prison/ what could the prison do to make connections with family and friends easier? LOST MOST FAMILY CONNECTIONS DUE TO LACK OF TRANSPORTATION - D.O.C. SHOULD REINSTITUTE old Policy of ALLOWING BANQUETS & PICNICKS EVEN IN MAX PRISONS WHERE NEEDED MOST-

3) Support growing up. There is talk these days that over incarceration cause crime? Do you agree? Did you have a father at home while growing up? Was your father incarcerated? Was any other member of your family incarcerated? Does yes or no to that question make a difference in your prison experience? Who were your role models as you grew up? How about gangs? Positive and negatives about gang support in your life. I'VE SEEN EACH GENERATION become WORSE due to LACK of Role MODEL DUE TO MASS INCARCERATION. THE BLIND NOW LEAD THE BLIND. SOLUTION IS TO CONNECT older PRISONERS WITH YOUNGER IN OFFICAL CAPACITIES to TEACH

4) support on the inside: were there people within the system, either staff or prisoners who helped you sustain yourself- or grow IN old DAYS YES, NOW, DUE TO TAKING OF PRISONERS FUNDS it HAS CREATED dog eat dog ENVIRONMENT.

5) For the mentally ill: (diagnosis and treatment)

What is your diagnosis? Has your diagnosis been changed? If your diagnosis was recently changed, from what to what- was the MH level changed. What is your diagnosis now? and the MH level? Was your seg status changes? Were you transferred to another prison? Other consequences? Are you or have you been on AC? How long have you been in solitary?

DIAGNOSED OF PTSD BY VETERAN ADM. AND DOC. WAS CLASSIFIED MH 2, NOW CHANGED TO NONE. I SELF MEDICATED AND PLACED IN SEG. NUMEROUS TIME FOR LONG PERIODS. THERE ARE NO TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR PTSD VETS AND NO CONSIDERATION

6) More For the mentally ill: (diagnosis and treatment): What treatment have you received. State the name and years you received it and whether it was paper work, in person sessions with a therapist or groups sessions. Describe a session briefly and explain if it helped. Did the treatment help? add what you think is important. Have you requested treatment at WRC? What happened? Be specific whenever you can.

RECEIVED PERSONAL THERAPY SESSIONS IN 2004-5, HOWEVER WAS NOT EXPERIENCED WITH VETS AND THEIR PROBLEMS IN PRISON. TALKED OF WHAT OCCURRED IN COMBAT IN VIET NAM, BUT THEY WERE TOTALLY CLUELESS ON HOW THAT AFFECT MENTAL STABILITY AND LIFE IN PRISON ENVIRONMENT. THE DELUSIONAL STATES, DEPRESSION AND MOST OF ALL, THE NIGHTMARES AND UNCONTROLLED TEMPER DUE TO THE STRESS.

7) more: For the mentally ill. How was treatment you received before incarceration? Did you have access to a mental health clinic or therapists. Describe help you were given and by whom. Was there anyone in your family who helped you cope or a friend? Was poverty a factor in your illness?

YES, I RECEIVED INPATIENT TREATMENT AT TOMAH V.A. HOSPITAL, BUT WAS DISCHARGED AND WHILE AWAITING DISABILITY, WAS HOMELESS & HAD NO FUNDS. THIS RESULTED IN COMMITTING THE ARMED ROBBERIES.

8) For ALL: are you in solitary? What is your status called? for what and what time line? Are you on AC? What is conduct report or reason. Do you have documentation? Have you filed complaints? Describe conditions. Attempts to get out of solitary etc. all information needed.

CURRENTLY IN SEG. FOR POSS. OF INTOXICATION, ie "HOOPH", 19 DAYS ON T.L.U. THEN 30 DAY SEG. SENTENCE. CONDITIONS BETTER THAN IN PAST. HOWEVER NO CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO REASON OF POSSESSION, AS SELF MEDICATION IS A MUST IF ONE WANTS TO REMAIN BALANCED AND SAFE AFTER 28 STRAIGHT YEARS OF INCARCERATION.

9) General health care_ please outline problems and good things here. Note health care staff shortages where you have encountered them

MEDICAL STAFF USE CO-PAY AS DETERRENT IN SEEKING PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL CARE. THEY USE LAYMEN TO SIT ON SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE & DECIDE MEDICAL NEEDS OF PRISONERS

10) For all: Training received while in prison: what you received, when (years), whether it was effective. IS there anything you can use once you get out? Did you receive your GED and how was that- are you a competent reader and writer? Are there any skills you learned that can be used once you are out? If you are an old law prisoner when you received this training is especially important, what training or treatment have you received since TIS was enacted? Was there treatment or treatment you asked for that you did not receive? Why?

THERE IS SEVERE LACK OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING. I HAVE RECEIVED NONE IN 28 YEARS DUE TO "TIME STRUCTURE", BUT AT 61 YEARS OF AGE, WHAT COULD I DO? HAVE BECOME PROFICIENT IN LAW AND

11) more on training and treatment and preparation for release: books and resources available to you, law library. free books to prisoners, This is a big one for FFUP- what can you access to help yourself to learn and grow. Delineate some of the good things and obstacles- IF you are motivated to get the most out of your incarceration, what tools are available? What are the obstacles? Again, show specific examples. Also physical well being is important- recreation and diet. All these things are important. Be on point. ACCESS TO INTER-NET.

GOOGAL, RESEARCH ON POLITICS, SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, BUSINESS. (9)

(11 cnt) USE BEST PRACTICES OF OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA, SWEDEN AND OTHER ADVANCED CIVILIZED WESTERN NATIONS.

12) Release - for those nearing release, out, or revoked
What help is or did the parole agent or DOC give you to prepare for release and what is offered as conditions of release:
a) Do you or did you have a place to go with family or friends? Did the DOC /parole approve of your plan?
b) were you or will be you given things you need to sustain yourself after release? What exactly were you supplied with or will you be given- (check if yes and explain in lines/please use more paper if needed)
state id No housing for how long where V.A. Hospital access to phone No -clothes No
voucher for thrift shops No bus pass No money No transport by
agent? YES curfew YES other restrictions OTHER STUPID RULES anything else?

PAROLE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MEANS TO KEEP REVOLVING DOOR MOVING AS RULES NOT RELATED TO CAUSE FOR INCARCERATION AND NOW MOST PRISONERS ARE SADDLED WITH LIFE TIME OF DEBT.

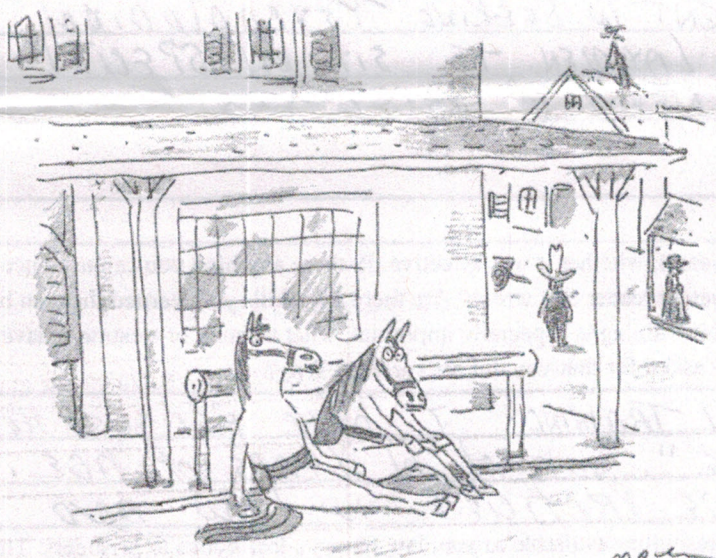
For those reincarcerated for non felonies- Please summarize your experience - try to be clear about the dangers your actions posed and alternatives to reincarceration that could have been use. We have heard of reincarceration for very minor rule offences. Be specific about what happened and you will be educating us all. This is a nebulous topic with near nothing in data. (again, use more paper)

Specific issues: overcrowding and lack of staff- if you have PERSONALLY experienced the effects of this- please site specifics. And items you want to stress even if you noted them above, plus note things you think we missed. Be factual and on point as much as possible.

STAFF WHO ARE FORCED TO WORK OVERTIME ON LONG SHIFTS ARE IRRATIBLE AND WRITE MANY PETTY CONDUCT REPORTS AND CAUSES PRISONERS TO RE-ALT IN NEGATIVE MANNER. THEN ON INMATE RECORD, IT LOOK TO BE HIS FAULT.

Here add anything you want- critique of questionnaire okay. And thank you very much for your participation. PRISONERS NEED MORE ACCESS TO OUTSIDE ROLE MODELS FROM MUSIC INDSTRY TO ACADEMILS.

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"You're right—it does feel good to sit."

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COMMITTEES of importance in the next few sessions: see founder notes: Help to educate your legislators- especially if one of them is on one of these committees

2017 Senate Committee on Administrative Rules (proposal to work on standardizing DOC's administrative rules needs support -see founders notes p2 Senator Steven Nass (Chair)Whitewater; Senator Devin LeMahieu (Vice-Chair)(Oostburg 53070 District9) Senator Duey Stroebel (Saukville); Senator Chris Larson (Milwaukee); Senator Robert W Wirch (Sommers)

2017 Senators on the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee(Senator Risser is trying to get support for a proposal giving DOC a year to come up with alternatives to solitary_ Senator Van Wangaard (Racine)(Chair); Sen. Patrick Testin (Stevens Point)(vice-chair); Sen. Duey Stroebel (West Bend/Fond du Lac area);; Sen. Fred Risser (Madison); Sen. Lena Taylor (Milwaukee)

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