

WHY MY DIVORCE FROM MY GANG TOOK SO LONG.

I think every gang member will agree that being gang affiliated is like being married, and it's an unhealthy marriage to say the least. This kind of marriage demands your undivided attention, allows you to love no one else, except your immediate family and even jealousy rears its ugly head then. I was a member of my gang and "she" demanded loyalty to her before your family by blood.

In my blindness and misguidance it never crossed my mind that this was madness, because of the love, unconditional support and understanding the gang provided. My nose was open as the old playas use to say about brothers who were in love with women who were mistreating them. My blindness was no different from those brothers, because it allowed for me to look the other way when confronted with the facts on the ground (eg. the exploitation, murders, drug dealing, and senseless violence)

As the old saying goes "Love is Blinding", and that love isn't any different or less blinding when it involves gangs. We tell ourselves that there isn't anything wrong with the way we live, think, and act because America has given up on us, we are disenfranchised by race, economics and class, everyone has their own beliefs, so why shouldn't we and for the street gang like the one I was a part of, which has a history in civil rights and community

development.

I deceived myself and others by using the historical connection to honorable and legal activities to justify how we believed. That is and was trick knowledge, and after enough years of witnessing the unconscionable actions of my former gang associates my own justifications began to sound illogical, and hollow to my own ears.

I can no longer live on the outside fringes of society and engage in or support behaviors that are unquestionably criminal, counter-productive, pathetic and anti-social. I'm done defending a culture of death, and now I'm that parent, uncle, home-boy, co-worker, or grandparent who is telling you to leave and get yourself out of that unhealthy lifestyle/relationship. Stop allowing your emotions to lead you to and fro. I know that you have invested much blood, sweat and tears into your gang and it's not easy to walk away, but you have to walk away.

I made my decision at a time when I was enjoying the "fruits of my labor", because I made it to a position of serious rank and authority. Nevertheless those fruits will eventually taste sour to you. The amenities that goes along with such a position of authority is like a C.E.O., and who doesn't want to be a Wall Street C.E.O.? You have absolute control over a neighborhood, state, prison or business and that isn't something easy to walk away from! Dear Brothers and Sisters walk away, and reform.

WHY DO I STRESS GANG REFORM OVER TOTAL DISBANDING HAS BEEN ASKED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT & PRISON OFFICIALS?

To someone who truly has a complete understanding about gangs this most often question will strike them as a little unrealistic and truly not worthy of discourse, but in the interest of understanding and education I'm compelled to respond. It is my opinion, that every measure that has been taken trying to force street gangs and prison gangs to disband has been utterly unsuccessful. No government, prison or law enforcement officials can point to any street or prison gang that has disbanded by choice or force due to their efforts and the reason being is that it's an "US AGAINST THEM" mentality on each side.

In addition, many of these young men are affiliated because the gangs give them something that they most likely never had or never will have. Acceptance of who you are, whether it be good or bad is a strong incentive for loyalty, and the fact that most gangs provide you with clothing, homes, transportation, cash and friendship only makes walking away from them even more difficult.

So, when you have nothing going right in your life, but those gang members are there for you, you never forget that and asking men to disband from a group that provides such support is unrealistic. I'm a realist and that is one of the reasons I preach reform more than disbanding. You are telling these men to cut their own throats and such thinking slaps

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MERE MENTION OF DISBANDING IS UNACCEPTABLE ON ANY
LEVEL FOR ~~MANY~~ GANGERS.

THIS IS WHY I STRESS REFORM, BECAUSE I KNOW FROM
EXPERIENCE WHAT MY FORMER ASSOCIATES ARE WILLING
TO DO. IF YOU CAN CONVINCE THESE MEN TO MOVE AWAY
FROM CRIMINALITY AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIORS THEN
HALF THE BATTLE IS WON, AND NOW YOU ARE ABLE TO
START HAVING SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE GANGS
MOVING AWAY FROM THEIR DEFARIOUS BEGINNINGS. SEE,

Now your moving into holding gangs truly accountable as legitimate business entities and corporations, which will lead to saving American tax payers money that is usually going to the prison industrial complex. Exorbitant amounts of tax dollars are spent wastefully on lengthy criminal prosecutions and imprisonment.

Let's take the media talking points by law enforcement, prison and governmental officials out of the equation, because it is becoming an irrefutable truth that their policies have failed and ^{will} continue to do so unless something radical is done. I speak with authority on this issue because I come from that lifestyle and a 6 week course can never be equal to or top that! REFORM GANGS NOW!!!

PART 2: THE CAPTAIN'S WITCH HUNT AND MY MODERN DAY LYNCHING:

In the early beginning of my blogging I sounded the alarm about a witch hunt that was taking place against me, based upon ~~someone~~ mentioning my name in a prison that I have never stepped one foot in. My cell has been searched, property removed, medium custody level placement put on the back burner, thrown in the hulk, job taken and visiting and other privileges revoked all because some low life prisoner is trying to put my name in some gang activity.

On Friday, 12/10/10, I was awoken out of my

Sleep by THREE prison guards, ONE OF THEM WAS CPT. M, AND SHE WAS PROFESSIONAL ALL THE WAY, AND SO WAS THE OTHER TWO GUARDS WHO HELP ESCORT ME TO THE HOLE. KUDOS TO YOU THREE FOR SIMPLY DOING YOUR JOB AND NOT TREATING ME LIKE I WAS JEFFREY DAHMER. CPT. M INFORMED ME WITHOUT MY DETAIL THAT I'M BEING PLACED ON TEMPORARY LOCK UP, PENDING A CONDUCT REPORT FOR A GANG INVESTIGATION THAT STEMS FROM ANOTHER PRISON.

SO, HERE I SIT IN THE HOLE WONDERING WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS HAS TO BE A MISTAKE, BUT IF I MUST BE REAL WITH MYSELF AND YOU GUYS, I BELIEVE THIS IS A SET UP BY A FORMER FELLOW GANG MEMBER ASSOCIATE WHO ISN'T TOO HAPPY WITH MY GANG DENOUNCIATION. HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO DERAIL MY GANG REFORM ACTIVITIES SINCE 2004, AND LOVES TO INTENTIONALLY INVOKE MY NAME IN GANG ACTIVITY TO INSTITUTIONAL SNITCHES, DURING PHONE CONVERSATIONS AND IN HIS PERSONALLY MONITORED MAIL, IN HOPES OF GETTING ME IN TROUBLE. I SUSPECT THAT HE IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THIS NONSENSE. THIS SMELLS OF HIM, BUT HE ALSO KNOWS THAT I WILL DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST THESE ALLEGATIONS WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING.

THE WRETCHED ONE WHOM I BELIEVE IS BEHIND THIS HAS MADE IT KNOWN THAT HE HATES ME AND I HAVE THE DOCUMENTS TO PROVE HOW HE INTENTIONALLY CONDUCTS GANG ACTIVITY IN THE OPEN, JUST SO THAT PRISON OFFICIALS WILL CONNECT HIM TO IT, AND BY MEN-

tioning my name he knows it gives legitimacy to his activities. Prison officials will always believe the worst of me, because of who I use to be. As of now prison officials are buying into this charade but I assure you no amount of hole time will stop my mission to reform gang members, especially the brothers that I once called friend. I'll see you in court Cpt. Muraski, and as for the "Lretched One" well played, but you have only won a small victory. I will prevail over your hatin' ass every time, because your actually not that bright to keep up this level of game playing!

P.S. I'm sorry about ~~the~~ delay, but I won't be able to share my novel with you guys until I have access to my typewriter again. Contact me on Facebook at Michael Amir Johnson at yahoo.com with moral support.