

Dear Pen Pal,

My name is Felix Cruz.

I am placing this ad in search of a female companion to share my thoughts and feelings with and vice versa in friendship. Here are a few attributes that best describe me. I am a genuine, thoughtful, trustworthy, compassionate, open-minded, athletic, and flirtatious person. I also have a great sense of humor. I think laughter is the best cure for anything. My favorite hobbies are playing sports, swimming, listening to music, watching movies, traveling, and long walks. I love listening to music. The music I listen to range from classic rock, soft rock, jazz, reggae, and R+B but I prefer alternative rock. Some of my favorite artists are Pearl Jam, Stone Temple Pilots, Sound Garden, Smashing Pumpkins, GodSmack, Incubus, ~~Staind~~ Staind, and Nine Inch Nails. I have been incarcerated for about 10 years now and I have made the best of my situation. I have learned to become more patient, understanding, and mature with my decisions. I have learned how valuable life is and the time we spend alive. Most importantly I have found myself. Through the years in prison I ~~was~~<sup>am</sup> getting my GED and learned a few different trades but I think I have found my niche. I have been given the opportunity to work as an inmate aide with mentally-ill inmates and it feels good helping others who may not be able to help themselves. To know I can make a difference in someone's life makes me feel really good inside. I am not a religious person but I do believe in doing good deeds. I hope I have given you enough information to arouse your curiosity. So if you are

interested and would like to know more, then what are you waiting for? I'm just a stamp, an envelope, and a few minutes of your time away from building a good friendship.