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HEY, GREETINGS 2 U ! I'VE BEEN RELUCTANT ABOUT WRITING, AFTER ALL THAT JOY AND EXCITEMENT WHEN I 1ST HEARD I'D BE ALLOWED 2 DO IT. ⁵ BUT U HAVE 2 UNDERSTAND THAT EACH OF US HAS OUR OWN THRESHOLD, BEYOND WHICH, THE PRESSURE IS 2 STRONG, THE STRESS 2 SERIOUS & THE DOUBT 2 DEEP. AND, IN THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF MR. CEELO GREEN "YOUR WORRIES & FEARS BECOME YOUR FRIENDS, AND THEY END-UP SMILING AT U". (THAT'S FROM "SMILEY FACE" ON THE GNARLY BARKLEY CD "ST. ELSEWHERE")

IM IN PRISON IN THE NORTHERN PART OF CALIFORNIA. I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR A COUPLE OF DECADES NOW. A TERRIBLE THING HAPPENED. A MAN'S LIFE WAS LOST AND I AM TO BLAME. **BUT**, WITH THAT SAID, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS AN UN-INTENDED, UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT. I WAS CHARGED WITH "2ND DEGREE MURDER". I BELIEVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT THIS WAS ONLY BECAUSE I COULDN'T AFFORD AN ATTORNEY. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER ONLY CAME TO SPEAK WITH ME ONCE BEFORE THE TRIAL. HE DIDNT GIVE ME ANY AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE MURDER CHARGE - OF WHICH THERE WERE SEVERAL VIABLE AVAILABLE. I SHOULDVE BEEN CHARGED WITH "INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER".

THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS THAT I AND MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW THAT I WAS RAILROADED AT TRIAL. I HAVE NO PROBLEM GETTING N2 ALL OF IT WHENEVER SOMEONE WANTS 2 KNOW. BUT 4 NOW I'LL JUST LEAVE U WITH THIS. AFTER THE TERRIBLE PUBLIC DEFENDER DUMPED ME (FAILED 2 DEFEND ME), I WAS APPOINTED ANOTHER ATTORNEY FOR THE AUTOMATIC APPEAL. HE ALSO PERFORMED MINIMALLY. AT THE TIME I KNEW ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT THE LAW. HE PROFFERED 2 ISSUES THAT WERE EASILY DISMISSED. WHEN I BEGAN 2 LEARN ABOUT THE LAW 4 MYSELF I FOUND OVER 20 ISSUES, EACH OF WHICH ARE REVERSABLE. THIS MEANS THAT THESE ISSUES ARE OF A MAGNITUDE & CALIBRE THAT IF PROVEN TRUE UNDERMINE THE ABILITY OF THE TRIAL 2 HAVE BEEN FAIR.


WHEN I GOT MY WRIT 2 THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT THEY SAID I WAS 3 MONTHS 2 LATE. THEY'D PASSED A LAW - THE A.E.D.P.A. - THAT LIMITS THE TIME ONE HAS 2 FILE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. I HAVE 20 ROCK SOLID ISSUES THAT PROVE MY CASE WAS NOT A MURDER BUT A MANSLAUGHTER, ACTUALLY INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER. BUT BECAUSE I HAD 2 LEARN ENOUGH LAW 2 DO MY OWN LEGAL WORK, ON A PRISON YARD WITH A LAW LIBRARY THAT HOLDS 14 PEOPLE AT A TIME - ON A YARD OF 1000 MEN, ME BEING A LAYMAN WITH ALL KINDS OF DISADVANTAGES, IM UP AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAS EVERY AMENITY KNOWN 2 LAWYERDOM, THE ONLY AVENUE THEY COULD USE WAS 2 SAY THEY DIDNT HAVE 2 ADDRESS MY ISSUES. SO, IM STUCK WITH A POSSIBLE LIFE SENTENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS IS ILLEGAL ^{BECAUSE} BUT THEY WONT ADDRESS MY WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. THERE ARE MORE DETAILS, BUT THATS THE GIST OF IT. IT CAN BE HANDLED BUT I NEED SOME HELP NOW. AND LASTLY, ITS THE ONLY FELONY IVE EVER HAD.

I KEEP MY HOPES & DREAMS ALIVE THRU MY TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS. I DO HAVE A →

CONVENTION

DEEP & ABIDING FAITH IN GOD ALMIGHTY - BY WHATEVER NAME.



I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ULTIMATE JUSTICE & ALL OF US, SOMETIME OUR WRONGS ARE RIGHTED HERE IN THIS LIFE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT 1 WAY OR ANOTHER I WILL BE ABLE 2 GIVE OF MY TALENT - ON LOAN FROM GOD - 2 HELP THE WORLD.

YES, IM AN IDEALIST. BUT THE LAST 8 YEARS OR SO ITS BEEN PARTICULARLY HARD FOR ME 2 FIND MY BALANCE. UNTIL YOU HEAR ME SING SOMETHING - AND ESPECIALLY 1 OF MY OWN SONGS - U MAY NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY I WOULD HAVE SUCH INTENSE "HATERS", BEING SUCH AN OTHERWISE ALL AROUND GREAT GUY.  IM JUST NOW COMPREHENDING THAT I NEVER LEARNED HOW 2 DEAL WITH HATERS AS I ~~WAS~~ WAS GROWING-UP. I MANAGED 2 AVOID IT OR WAS NUMB 2 IT. OR MAYBE I DIDNT HAVE 2 DEAL WITH IT BECAUSE I WASNT BRIMMING WITH POTENTIAL IN A SEETHING CAULDRON OF FAILURE, LIKE NOW.

I HOPE I DONT COME OFF AS ARROGANT. THATS NOT THE TRUTH ABOUT ME. I AM PROUD OF WHO I AM AS 1 OF GOD'S CHILDREN. BUT I TRULY BELIEVE IN HUMILITY, JUSTICE, SERVICE AND ALL KINDS OF FREEDOM, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY BELIEVING IN LIBERAL SELF-EXPRESSION AND INDIVIDUALITY. I BELIEVE IN THE IDEA OF AMERICA, OF ALL THE POTENTIAL CONTAINED IN THAT WORD. I THINK THAT ONE DAY THE WHOLE PLANET WILL BE "FREE". AND I THINK THAT IN THE MEANTIME WE CAN ERADICATE HUNGER & RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING & EVERYONE IN POVERTY.

THIS KIND OF THINKING ISNT THE USUAL PRISON MENTALITY. I DO THINK THAT MEN IN MY AGE CATERGORY HAVE USUALLY MOVED -ON FROM THE CRIMINAL MENTALITY & ARE NOW OPEN 2 LEARN NEW THINGS. BUT, BY & LARGE, THE "SAVE THE WORLD" MENTALITY IS FROWNED UPON, SNEERED AT, OBSERVED WITH SUSPICION & HELD IN DERISION. ITS OPPOSITE OF THE SELF-CENTERED "GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'" SCHOOL OF THOUGHT. AGAIN, AN APPARENT CONTRADICTION THAT I PERSONALLY HAVE NO QUALMS RESOLVING WITH PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. I KNOW THAT ONE CAN BE ON A SERIOUS MISSION 2 SERVE - WITH SELFISH DESIRE AT BAY - AND YET & STILL FIND A WAY 2 FULFILL ONES PERSONAL DREAMS.

I WANT 2 USE THIS FORUM 2 FORWARD SOME IDEAS I HAVE. AND I HOPE TO GET SOME IDEAS IN RETURN. I WELCOME INTERACTION ON THIS BLOG. THIS IS STILL NEW 2 ME SO I CAN USE WHATEVER TIPS U WANT 2 SEND MY WAY. NOW THAT IVE GOT THESE PREREQUISITES OUT OF THE WAY I CAN START TALKING ABOUT MY PASSIONS. UNTIL NEXT WEEK - BE GOOD 2 YRSELF.

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