

My name is Craig Lathon, I'm serving 3 life-sentences. I'm currently putting my issues together with my hired attorney to prove my innocence. I'm 40 year old African American, I've served 21 years so far. I think a better way to help end the mass incarceration is show ones that's locked up, that you on the outside care. A lot of people don't have anyone when their out there, that's why they turn to drugs, violence & crime. I feel a lot of people are handed very harsh sentences for crimes that really wouldn't affect a white person. I feel juries need to be in some sort of counseling, before they decide the fate on ones life.

The support I need that I'm not getting is, better communication with families on the outside. Some type of outside lifer group, where lifers that get out and show more support to current lifers, especially the younger ones. I feel one should have more access to their loved ones for as phones or computer help. I think for ones who have been locked up for 10 years or longer should also be monitored, for as for mental health issues.

The changes in law I think should be changed is, how people who testify against the defendant, the state witness need to be investigated more the jury shouldn't solely put their fate in what a state witness say if he testifying against someone for a deal. I feel 1st degree Homicide should be changed. Murder is the most serious crime therefore I feel it should be handled properly. For instance, I was charged with 3 murders which they claim happened 39 days apart, I was tried for all 3 in 6 days.

To use the media to advance these causes, I feel you should do more begging for inmates, but also ask us alot of questions so we can put stuff on our Blog. I feel when we dont receive any responses from the blogs, we lost interest. Hope this is helpful.

Craig Lathon #243701
P.O. Box 9900 WSPF
Boscobel, WI 53805