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"Hello Everyone"

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Today is August 30th and all is well here in the joint. I'm gonna start my first Blog Pg off by talking a little bit about the Prison that is at right now. I'm in a very mellow Prison called Cmc California mens Colony. Its a real old Co. Prison. Its a Prison that's very hard for any inmate to get to. I did the first 13 years of my life Sentence at a place called Pelican Bay which ill tell you all about later. For now though ill tell you how its been here for me since i got here.

I got to Cmc on March 26th of 2009. The day i got off the bus from Pelican Bay they took my \$190.00 dollar Nike shoes from me because they were the color Black. They told me that Cmc inmates were not allowed to wear shoes that were black. my options were to donate, send them home at my expense or simply just threw them in the trash.

I let the asshole Guard have them. He then disposed of them. He then gave me a pair of Flip Flops, Skechers/ sandal type and then walked me across the Prison yard to a dirty cell with no power in it.

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For 3 days i sat in my cell while the guards brought me my food and I waited me to the shower. On the 4th day several Guards came to my cell with a SGT. They pulled me out, took me to a small holding area for questioning. The first thing they did was ask me my name and Prison # number. Then they made me take off all of my clothes cavity check. They then checked all my tattoos for gang tattoos which i have none. I dont believe in Gangs.

I was allowed to get dressed and then asked was i going to attack anyone at once or was i going to keep my hands to myself and program here. I said I would act right. They had to ask me these questions due to the Prison i come from and the charges im in Prison for. again i assured them that i would be a good little convict, that they wouldn't have any problems out of me.

The Guards told me that if i attacked anyone at their Prison that they would put me in the Hole and ship me back to a Pelican Bay and no one wants that. Later that day i was released to go to the yard. When i first got out to the yard i was watched very very carefully by all staff.

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There were 2 inmates here that i knew from Pelican Bay. They gave me some Coffee, Sweets, tooth Paste and writing paper. These items were to get me by till i was given my property that i brought with me from Pelican Bay. A few days went by and i was given my property. my TV cosmetics etc. That night it was moved to a cell with power which was a relief. I could now plug in my TV and start to get comfortable here at CMC.

When i got my new cell i was given my own key to my cell door. In all of the years i have done time i had never seen a prison where you had a key to your cell. I couldnt believe it, i could actually sit in and out of my cell without asking or waiting on a guard to open it. After i cleaned up my cell disinfected the walls, straight etc then put my property away hooked up my TV that's when i started to feel comfortable.

After i got my cell hooked up the way i liked it i went and got a package form to mail home to my family. I'm allowed 4 30 pound packages a year. My Brother / Sister in law orders me these packages. I have been in Prison for 19 years going on 20 and my family has always sent me my packages. They are the best family anyone could ever ask for. I'm very grateful, blessed. I keep them with cell of my heart.

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that night i filled out my package form with the items i needed first then the ones i wanted. I got the form and a letter out in the mail that night. when you get to a Prison your one of the few things you do is order your package so when you get it you will have your own stuff and won't have to ask for a free hand out. No one in Prison likes someone who just asks for coffee etc for free its just not cool.

around a week after i got to come i got my package form home. now it was time to go find me a cell mate. Before staff just puts anyone in my cell. The search was back i met a guy named Scot. He is a artist, a amazing artist at that he done my Profile Pg on this Blog. Scot is a biter like myself. So we both have that in common. He also has "been down" locked up for 13 years and no he knows how to do time.

ya see my friends when you choose a cell mate in Prison you must choose very wisely. He is the person who you need to trust with your life. After all he could cut your throat while your sleeping so you might want to pick a cellie who you can trust. I was real lucky getting Scot for my cellie. He has turned out to be one of the best cell mates we ever had.

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Throughout this Post i will talk about Scott due to he is a big part of my life. Before i go on about him i want everyone to know that we live with Scott for 3 years now. When you get a good cellie in Prison you keep him if possible. It makes both of your lives at least bearable in here.

The first couple of years here i didn't have a job due to the Inmate Custody level. What that means is if you have a lot of years to do they make you a certain custody level. I'm close B custody which means i'm not to be trusted in their eyes. I'm not to be trusted to work in certain areas of the Prison. All of the good jobs with inmate pay go to Inmates who have the short Prison sentences.

When i did get a job it was a janitor job no pay. Although i'm in a good Prison to do time at they won't allow me a decent job with pay. After 2½ years here i got a job on the yard crew. That is a very bad job. I pick up trash, clean trash for 2 a month. This is the worst part though. When i was sentenced to life the judge also gave me Restitution. That means that the Prison takes 55% of any pay i get for working in Prison. Or if anyone revels me \$ from the streets the Prison will take 55% of that as well. So i wont have anyone reveal me \$. I wont allow the State of CA, to take over half of my \$ that's sent to me.

Pg 6 So far CMC is the best Prison i've ever been at but they wont give me a good job. There is hardly no Violence here and i really like that but i wish i could get a job with decent pay. When i tell you about my Time at Pelican Bay then you'll see how good it is here at CMC. There is a few bad things about CMC. The cells we live in are so small that you wouldn't believe it. The cells are like 7'x12 imagine that? now your 2 men live in this small area.

There is a lot of High Profile Prisoners who have been here for years. Some of the Famous Manson Family were here. They need like Co. Sheriff's who get sentenced to Prison. Judges, Politicians, people like that. Its easy time here People. This Place is different from your normal joint. there isn't any Politics which is like theres basically no one running other inmates.

You can do your time here and no one else will tell you you have to do your time the way they say to do it. I'll explain more in detail when i tell you about my time at PBSP Pelican Bay State Prison. Look People this is my first Blog Post and its already 6 Pages so let it be 6 and i will write more later

talk to ya later

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