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2 Strike Felon

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criminal record insignificant, criminal record short,  
only have 2 arson convictions from a Long Beach court.  
Am I crazy? Can I still make a stand?  
or will I relapse and let another match fall from my hand?  
was cracked in 2002, the first time in 1998,  
fire in 02 was a house, 98 a mattress and a wooden gate.  
Diagnostic study in chin, a slap on the wrist,  
5 years formal probation, introduced to this judicial twist,  
Got a baby face, said I wasn't "Prison material!"  
all they did was label me, as another damn criminal,  
Thanks to my 2 convictions, I can't even vote,  
can't carry a firearm, my career went up in smoke.  
Can't get a job, nobody won't give me a try,  
they stereotype me, so I'll be broke till I die.  
Nobody out there, want to see me as an opportunity  
dwelling on the past, say I'm a threat to the community.  
Can't go to the bank, and take out any type of loan,  
credit all messed up, so I guess I'm on my own.  
Got bad in Prison behavior, found a hole in my cell wall,  
cracked with 2 cell phones I didn't even make 1 call.  
When I get out gotta be cautious, as I live my life,  
cause it'll be hard for a felon who has 2 strikes!