

# WHAT'S IN A NAME

OF ALL THE DIFFERENT CHANGES A GUY HAS TO MAKE IN ADJUSTING TO PRISON LIFE, THERE IS ONE CHANGE THAT MANY TIMES GETS DONE FOR HIM; THE CHANGING OF HIS NAME. WHETHER IT BE DONE BY CHOICE OR TOTALLY AGAINST HIS WILL, THERE'S ABOUT A 58% CHANCE THAT HE WILL BE APPOINTED A NICKNAME. WHAT EXACTLY IS A NICKNAME? WELL, ACCORDING TO MY DICTIONARY, IT'S A FAMILIAR OR HUMOROUS NAME GIVEN TO A PERSON INSTEAD OF OR AS WELL AS THE REAL NAME. OKAY, THAT SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH. BUT JUST WHAT CAUSES THESE NAMES TO SUDDENLY MATERIALIZE AND LITERALLY TAKE OVER A GUY'S LEGALIZED TITLE THAT HE WAS PRACTICALLY BORN WITH? WELL, FROM MY OBSERVATION, THERE APPEARS TO BE FIVE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR WHICH A PARTICULAR NICKNAME WILL BE DESIGNATED TO A PERSON.

1. ACCORDING TO HIS APPEARANCE. (32%)
2. BECAUSE OF SOMETHING HE'S DONE OR STILL DOES. (25%)
3. DUE TO CERTAIN CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES HE HAS. (17%)
4. IT MIGHT BE BASED ON HIS REAL NAME SOMEHOW. (10%)
5. JUST DOWNRIGHT DON'T KNOW. (15%)

TO GET AN IDEA OF SOME OF THE NEW NAMES AN INDIVIDUAL WILL TAKE ON, I'VE MADE A LIST OF 40 DIFFERENT NAMES I'VE COME ACROSS THAT I CAN REMEMBER. TRY AND SEE IF YOU CAN CATEGORIZE EACH NAME WITH THE CORRECT REASON OF DESIGNATION. IT'S NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE A LOGICAL ANSWER. THAT'S WHY I'VE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF TO DO SOME EXPLAINING AFTER YOU'VE TRIED YOUR HAND AT GUESSING WHERE THESE NICKNAMES MATERIALIZED FROM.

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BIG JIT	GOLDFISH	MONEY
BLOCK	GQ	MOUSE
BUTTERBALL	GREEDY	NEW YORK
CANDY MAN	HAWK	PEEWEE
CHECKER BILL	HEAD	RADIO MAN
CHICKEN WING	HOLLYWOOD	RANGER
COUNTRY	HONEYBUN	SHOTGUN
COWBOY	HUSTLE MAN	SKILLET
DAY-DAY	ICE HOUSE	SQUIRREL
DOUBLE D	JEWEL	TAMMY
ELMER FUDD	KNUCKLE HEAD	TANYA
FISH	LOLLIPOP	X-MAN
	LURCH	