

JAN. 19, 2015: 6:30am: LISTENING TO: LOST IN FOREVER BY: P.O.D.

BUONGIORNO EVERYONE, I HAD 3 PEOPLE SEND ME RESPONSES AND I AM SUPPOSED TO USE THE SAME REPLY ID CODE TO RESPOND TO THEM, SO I'LL WRITE SEPARATELY AND HOPE EVERYONE RECEIVES THEM. THE FIRST ONE IS TO:

SOPHIE 9 OF CLUBS,

FIRST I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS THAT YOU LEFT. I USED TO BE QUICKER ABOUT RESPONDING TO THEM BUT THIS NEW PRISON I'M IN SEEMS TO BE SUCKING THE LIFE OUTTA ME. I'M SORRY THAT I AM NOT VERY GOOD AT ENGLISH, THUS MY REASON FOR NOT CREATING PARAGRAPHS LIKE I SHOULD. I HAVE MY G.E.D. BUT THAT WAS CLOSE TO 20 YEARS AGO & I HAVE FORGOTTEN SO MUCH. IN PA PRISONS, ONCE YOU HAVE A G.E.D., THE ONLY WAY TO CONTINUE AN EDUCATION IS ON YOUR OWN OR IF YOU CAN RAISE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE COURSES.

YOU SPOKE ON HOW MORE FOCUS SHOULD BE PLACED ON PREVENTION, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE POLITICIANS, OR PEOPLE IN CHARGE, CARE ABOUT PREVENTION. LET'S BE REALISTIC, YOU CAN NEVER END CRIME, YOU'LL NEVER ELIMINATE DRUGS, MURDERS WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE EVERY DAY. THIS IS HOW OUR SOCIETY HAS EVOLVED. I SAY THIS BECAUSE OF SO MANY REASONS. BUT LET ME USE THE HOT TOPIC IN PA PRISONS RIGHT NOW. THE PHONES. GUYS GET THEIR HEADS CRACKED OPEN DAILY, PUNCHED IN THE FACE, BEATEN UP, THREATENED, ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ON THE PHONE AND SOMEONE ELSE WANTS TO USE IT. THE PA D.O.C. KNEW WE WERE GETTING A NEW PRISON PHONE COMPANY, AND THEY KNEW THE PRICES WOULD BE THE CHEAPEST THEY HAVE EVER BEEN, BUT DID THEY TAKE ANY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES? DID THEY ADD MORE PHONES TO ANY OF THE PRISONS? NO. THEY KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN. THE MORE PEOPLE THAT GO HOME, THE LESS PRISON GUARD JOBS ARE AVAILABLE. THEY DON'T WANT PREVENTION. THEY NEED THE CRIME, THE CHAOS, THE VIOLENCE. A GUARD RECENTLY TOLD A FEW OF US THIS "WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS JUST ALL GET ALONG & WORK TOGETHER? THESE PEOPLE WHO RUN THESE PLACES WANT YOU TO BEAT EACH OTHERS HEADS IN, YOU ARE JOB SECURITY". AND HE IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

YOU HEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA ON THE NEWS EVERY DAY LATELY TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WILL HELP THE MIDDLE CLASS, WHAT ABOUT THE POOR? IN PRISON MOST WHITES HATE OBAMA OUT OF STUPID RACIST THINKING, AND THE BLACKS LOVE HIM SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HIS SKIN COLOR. BUT HE IS A HORRIBLE PRESIDENT. NOT ONCE HAS HE SAID HOW HE WILL HELP THE POOR. MAJOR CITIES ARE DESIGNED WITH POOR SECTIONS, AND THEY KNOW THIS IS WHERE MOST OF YOUR CRIME WILL COME FROM, & UNLESS SOMETHING BIG HAPPENS, IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE CHEAPEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE CITY BUT ALSO THE SCARIEST.

OUR POLITICIANS DO NOT WORK ON PREVENTION, THEY DO NOT WORK ON SOLVING THE PROBLEMS AND WE ELECT THESE PEOPLE. THIS IS OUR FAULT, THE VOTERS. NOTHING WILL CHANGE UNTIL THE VOTERS WAKE UP & DEMAND CHANGE. YOU TELL ME SOPHIE, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GIVE A 65 YEAR OLD MAN A CHANCE AT FREEDOM FROM PRISON? HE IS IN HERE FOR MURDER. NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE

IN THE 35 YEARS HE HAS BEEN HERE, HE HAS DONE EVERY PROGRAM THEY OFFER, HE HAS BEEN A MODEL PRISONER. OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO KEEP PAYING FOR HIM TO BE LOCKED UP UNTIL HE DIED? PA IS PRO "LOCK EM UP & THROW AWAY THE KEY". BUT THAT THINKING IS ONLY DESTROYING THE ECONOMY & BUDGET. WILL THE NEW GOVERNOR ALLOW CONJUGAL VISITS? I CAN GUARANTEE MORE PRISONERS WOULD STAY OUTTA TROUBLE IF THEY ALLOWED MEN TO HAVE PHYSICAL INTERACTION WITH A WOMAN. CONJUGAL VISIT WOULD DECREASE CRIME & VIOLENCE IN PRISON, THEY WOULD GENERATE MORE MONEY FOR MORE PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD BE TARGETED TO HELP PRISONERS BEING RELEASED, FIND PLACES TO LIVE, JOBS, JOB TRAINING. THE AVERAGE PRISONER LEAVES PRISON WITH NO JOB SKILLS. THEY DO NOT TEACH YOU RELEVANT SKILLS FOR THE OUTSIDE.

I HAVE SO MANY IDEAS SOPHIE, BUT WHO AM I? I'M A NOBODY. I HAVE NO VOICE, I HAVE NO STANDING. I'M A MAN WHO TOOK ANOTHER MANS LIFE, I'M A MAN WHO IS LOSING ALL HOPE. IF MORE PEOPLE IN SOCIETY CARED AND TOOK AN INTEREST IN CHANGE, IT'S STILL A POSSIBILITY. ALL IS NOT LOST YET. BUT THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN WE HAVE LET IT GET SO FAR THAT WE CAN'T FIX IT. BUT THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE DON'T CARE, AS LONG AS THEY ARE PAID AND GET THEIR HUGE CHECKS EVERY WEEK, AS LONG AS THEIR PER DIEM CHECKS CLEAR EVERY TIME THEY CASH ONE, POLITICIANS JUST DON'T CARE.

ANYONE LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED & HELP BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS ON FACEBOOK.

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HOPE I DIDN'T BURN YOU OUT TOO LONG SOPHIE. TAKE CARE, THANK YOU FOR READING WHAT I WRITE, & IF YOU EVER GET BORED, HOLLER BACK. GOD BLESS. CIAO.