

# IGNORANCE IN PRISON; TOLERATE OR DEFY? DEATH ROW + LIFER FACTS

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RIGHT NOW I'M SITTING HERE WATCHING OREGON & STANFORD PLAY SOFTBALL. I CAN'T HELP IT, I LOVE ATHLETIC WOMEN. ANYWAY, I WAS DOING MY JOB THIS MORNING & THE GUARD SAID TO ME, ARE YOU TOO GOOD TO TALK TO ME? I ASKED HIM WHAT DOES HE MEAN, HE SAID OTHER INMATES TALK TO HIM, LAUGH & JOKE WITH HIM BUT IN A MONTH ON THIS BLOCK I HAVE NEVER SPOKEN TO HIM. I TOLD HIM HE HAS A PRETTY SMART & IGNORANT MOUTH. I TOLD HIM MY MOMS FIGHTING CANCER RIGHT NOW AND IF HE SAID SOMETHING DEROGATORY OR IGNORANT ABOUT MY MOM, WE'D HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM. HE SAID BACK IN THE DAY WHEN THIS JAIL HAD NO CAMERAS IN IT, HE USED TO TAKE GUYS LIKE ME IN THE CELL AND BEAT THE SHIT OUTTA THEM. AND I AIN'T GONNA LIE, MY EGO & PRIDE GOT IN THE WAY SO I TOLD HIM, I GOT A 1 PUNCH KNOCK OUT. IT'S HARD TO BEAT ME UP. I WALKED AWAY, HE RAN HIS MOUTH A BIT MORE BUT THATS THE DAILY IGNORANCE I DEAL WITH. BUT WHATS WEIRD IS A GUY GAVE ME A NEWSPAPER TO READ AFTER LUNCH. CALLED THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY REVIEW. AND WHAT WAS THE LEAD STORY, DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY PRISON WERE FORCING INMATES TO FIGHT. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WOULD CHOOSE 2 MEN OF DIFFERENT RACES & FORCE THEM TO FIGHT GLADIATOR STYLE FIGHTS. A 150 POUND HAWAIIAN & FILIPINO MAN, WHO WAS THE SMALLEST PRISONER IN THE JAIL, WAS FORCED TO FIGHT THE LARGEST MAN IN THE PRISON, A 350 POUND BLACK MAN. NEITHER PRISONER WANTED TO FIGHT BUT GUARDS MADE THEM. THEY WERE FORCED TO FIGHT UNTIL THEY COULDN'T FIGHT ANYMORE WHILE STAFF IN THE PRISON WOULD BET ON THE FIGHTS. YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THIS AT THE FOLLOWING:

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THEY HAVE RECORDINGS, INTERVIEWS, AND TRANSCRIPTS. IT'S INSANE THAT SHIT LIKE THIS STILL GOES ON. IT'S LIKE THE MOVIE WHERE THE HEAVY WEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION IS SET UP, SENT TO PRISON AND FORCED TO FIGHT THE BOXING CHAMP IN THE PRISON FOR THE GUARDS ENTERTAINMENT AND THE STAFF ALL BET ON THE FIGHTS. THIS IS SHIT THATS SUPPOSED TO BE IN MOVIES, NOT IN AN AMERICAN PRISON. WHEN I WAS IN MY LAST PRISON, GUARDS WOULD LET PRISONERS GO IN THE SHOWER AREA, NO CAMERAS, & FIGHT WHILE THE GUARDS WOULD WATCH & SOME WOULD PLACE BETS. NO ONE WAS EVER KILLED, BUT SOME GUYS GOT HURT PRETTY BADLY. THERE WAS NO ONE TO BREAK UP THE FIGHT WHEN YOU STARTED TO LOSE.

I WANT TO SHARE SOME FACTS ABOUT DEATH ROW & LIFER'S. BUT FIRST LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT GLEN FORD. MR. FORD, OF LOUISIANA SPENT 26 YEARS ON DEATH ROW FOR MURDER. IN MARCH OF 2014 IT WAS PROVEN THAT HE DID NOT COMMIT THE CRIME. THE COPS SUPPRESSED EVIDENCE THAT PROVED MR. FORD WAS NOT EVEN PRESENT AT THE MURDER, AND MR. FORD HAD A VERY INEXPERIENCED ATTORNEY SO HE WAS SENTENCED TO DIE. HE ROTTED AWAY IN A CELL 23 HOURS A DAY, FOR 26 YEARS. I THINK IT'S TIME GOVERNOR WOLFE GOT RID OF THE DEATH PENALTY. WE BELIEVE THIS YEAR HE WILL. 143 COUNTRIES HAVE ABOLISHED THE DEATH PENALTY, FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SAID THAT 90% OF ALL EXECUTIONS IN THE WORLD HAPPEN IN CHINA, IRAN, SAUDIA ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES. 4 COUNTRIES MAKE UP 90% OF ALL EXECUTIONS. THATS INSANE. THE US HAVE EXECUTED OVER 1,300 PEOPLE SINCE IT'S REINSTATEMENT. SINCE IT'S REINSTATEMENT, 143 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM DEATH

ROW WITH EVIDENCE PROVING THEIR INNOCENCE. AND THATS THANK TO THE INNOCENCE PROJECTS. THE D.A.'S OFFICE DIDN'T INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION. THEY JUST DON'T CARE. THEY HAVE THEIR MAN & THEY STICK WITH THAT. BUT WHEN THE AVERAGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS CONFRONTED WITH THIS, THEY GIVE STATEMENTS LIKE JUSTICE PREVAILED, BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER DECADES OF COVER-UPS OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION OR JUST POOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD A BETTER DEFENSE.

MY FINAL THOUGHT OF TODAY IS THIS, WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN TO WHITE COP WHO LIED & SAID THE VICTIM TRIED TO TAKE HIS TASER SO HE SHOT HIM IN THE BACK OVER A HALF A DOZEN TIMES? WHAT ABOUT THE ELDERLY VOLUNTEER SHERIFF WHO PULLED HIS GUN OUT AND SHOT AND KILLED A MAN? HE SAID IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, HE THOUGHT HE WAS PULLING OUT HIS TASER. YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT A TRAINED SHERIFF DEPUTY CANNOT TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOW A TASER FEELS IN HIS HAND AS OPPOSED TO HIS ISSUED HAND GUN? THEY SAID THE MAN WAS A REALTOR WHO CONTRIBUTED ALOT OF MONEY TO THE SHERIFF'S RE-ELECTION FUND. THAT SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY TO ME. OR WHAT ABOUT THE COPS WHO DECIDED TO RUN A SUSPECT OVER WITH THEIR CAR WHILE CHASING HIM? HE WAS ON FOOT SO THEY DECIDED TO RUN HIM OVER. SEEMS TO ME THAT THE POLICE FORCE IS ALOT LIKE THE GUARDS IN A PRISON, THEY GET A FREE PASS FOR HURTING PEOPLE. WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU READ ABOUT A GUARD BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF A PRISONER AND BEING ARRESTED? NOT OFTEN. BUT IT HAPPENS IN THESE PRISONS DAILY. IN THE REAL WORLD, PEOPLE GET ON THE NEWS, HOLD PROTESTS, THEY HAVE A VOICE TO FIGHT BACK WITH. BUT IN HERE, WHERE NO ONE CARES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO US ANYMORE, SOMETIMES MEN FEEL HOPELESS SO THEY LASH OUT WITH VIOLENCE. VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER BUT SOMETIMES, IN SITUATIONS IN HERE, IT'S AWAY TO BE HEARD, LISTENED TO, TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE TIRED OF BEING TREATED WORSE THAN AN ANIMAL. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE SERVED YOUR BREAKFAST WITH HUMAN FECES MIXED IN WITH YOUR OATMEAL & THE GUARDS LAUGHED AT YOU WHEN YOU NOTICED IT? BUT THERE IS NO ONE HERE TO LISTEN, NO ONE CARES WHAT HAPPENS, IT'S YOUR WORD AGAINST SOME ABUSIVE & SADISTIC PEOPLE WHO CONTROL YOU. DON'T THINK WE GOT IT EASY IN HERE, I KNOW MEN WHO GO THROUGH HELL EVERY DAY.

BETWEEN 1941-1972, OVER 600 LIFE SENTENCED PA PRISONERS WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON USING A COMMUTATION/PARDON PROCESS THAT WORKED. FROM WHAT I HAVE READ SO FAR, NOT 1 OF THOSE 600+, EVER TOOK ANOTHER LIFE. DID YOU KNOW THAT ABOUT 40% OF ALL LIFERS IN PA DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A LIFE. IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE.

TAKE CARE, START PLANNING YOUR MEMORIAL DAY GET TOGETHERS & ENJOY LIFE. GOD BLESS. CIAO.