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HELLO EVERYONE,

MY NAME IS DERRICK, I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED SINCE MARCH 1995 IN A TEXAS PRISON FACILITY FOR SELF DEFENSE MURDER. I MUST ADMIT THAT I'VE TRULY REGRET AND LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKE. BUT DON'T ALLOW MY MISTAKE DEFINE WHO I AM, DUE TO I'VE NEVER BEEN PERFECT. THE ROAD THAT I'VE TRAVELED IS LITTERED WITH EVIDENCE OF MY MISTAKES... STAINED FROM MY SACRIFICES, AND SET AFLAME FROM THE AMBITIONS OF A PERSON THATS SEEN TOO MUCH. I GREW UP LIVING THAT STREET LIFE FROM GANG-BANGING, DOPE SLANGING, ROBBING ETC ETC... BUT AS TIME PASSES ME BY WHILE SITTING ON THIS SIDE OF THESE RAZOR WIRES I CAME TO REALIZE THAT I THREW MY LIFE AWAY BEFORE I REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO LIVE AND ENJOY IT. MY MOTHER TRIED HER VERY BEST TO RAISE ME LIKE A LOVING MOM WOULD, BUT I WAS TOO HARD-HEADED TO LISTEN. BUT NOW I WISH I HAD BECAUSE I CAN NEVER RE-LIVE THOSE VALUABLE MOMENTS EVER AGAIN. I'VE LOST VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS TO DEATH- INCLUDING MY DAUGHTER WHOM PASSED AWAY IN 2002. THAT ALMOST DROVE ME TO COMMIT SUICIDE ONCE I FOUND OUT THE PASSING OF MY DAUGHTER VICTORIA.

MY HOBBIES ARE READING, WRITING POEMS, EXERCISING AND SOCIALIZING WITH PEOPLE ON AN INTELLECTUAL LEVEL. IM PROUD TO SAY THAT DURING MY INCARCERATION THAT I'VE WRITTEN A BOOK AND FINISHED IT. ALL I NEED TO DO NOW IS GET IT COPY-WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED. SO YES I HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE IN MANY WAYS. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING THIS SO I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON. AND I PROMISE TO CORRESPOND WITH EVERYONE WHOM WRITES. THANK YOU!

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