

SEPT: 7, 2016: 1:00pm: WAITING FOR THE LIBRARY TO OPEN

DEAR JULIA,

HI, HOW ARE YOU? I HOPE GOOD. I RECEIVED YOUR COMMENTS LAST NIGHT. I SIT HERE WAITING FOR THE LIBRARY TO OPEN SO I CAN GO TO THE LAW COMPUTERS. SOME OF THESE NUMBERS THAT YOU TOLD ME ARE STAGGERING. SO TELL EM JULIA, WHO ARE YOU & HOW DID YOU COME TO READ WHAT I WRITE? I DO ASK MOST PEOPLE THIS. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE INTERNET SO I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE FIND THIS SITE OR WHAT I WRITE. THERE IS SO MUCH HATE IN THIS WORLD, AND I WAS A PART OF THIS PROBLEM YEARS AGO, BUT WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? ON THE NEWS TODAY THEY INTERVIEWED PEOPLE IN CHICAGO. THEY SEEMED PROUD OF THE FACT THAT CHICAGO TOPPED 500 MURDERS THIS YEAR AND THEY HAVE MORE KILLINGS THAN NEW YORK & L.A. COMBINED. I JUST DON'T GET IT. WHY WOULD ANYONE BE PROUD OF THIS NUMBER? IT'S SOMETHING I CANNOT CONCEIVE. BUT BACK TO PRISONS, WHATS THE SOLUTION? FOR EXAMPLE, THE US SUPREME COURT RULED JUVENILES CANNOT BE GIVEN A LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE. THEY CAN BE REHABILITATED. BUT WHEN YOU GIVE THEM 40-100 YEARS IN PRISON, YOU BASICALLY JUST GAVE THEM A LIFE SENTENCE. NO ONE WITH A VIOLENT CRIME MAKES PAROLE AT THEIR MINIMUM. WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS GIVING THEM A LIFE SENTENCE ANYWAY. UNTIL NEW PEOPLE COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS, THE PRISON EPIDEMIC IN THIS COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL. SOME STATES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN LOWERING THEIR PRISON POPULATIONS BUT NOT IN MY STATE. WE ARE AT ABOUT 50,000 RIGHT NOW. WITH WELL OVER 20 PRISONS & A \$2 BILLION+ BUDGET. RIGHT NOW AS I TYPE THIS, THERE ARE 6 GUARDS ON MY BLOCK. 2 ARE TALKING, 4 ARE SLEEPING. 60,000+ A YEAR AND THEY ARE ASLEEP. THATS WHERE THE TAXPAYERS \$\$\$ GO. THE MAJORITY OF THAT 2 BILLION BUCKS GOES TO STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS. THEY WERE BRAGGING THAT THEY WORKED LAST NIGHT SO THIS IS OVER TIME. THEY ARE MAKING OVER 45\$ AN HOUR TO SLEEP. SO PA TAX PAYERS CANNOT COMPLAIN. THEY HELP SUPPORT THE ARCHAIC THEORY OF "LOCK 'EM UP & THROW AWAY THE KEY", IT DOESN'T WORK. THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN.

HOW WOULD YOU FIX IT? ANY IDEAS? WHATS YOUR OPINION ON CRIME? WELL THEY JUST CALLED LIBRARY, I AM GOING TO GO SO I CAN GET MY PASS & GET OVER THERE. TAKE CARE, ARE YOU FROM PA? HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED CRIME? I'D LIKE TO KNOW. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FORM YOU AGAIN. GOD BLESS, CIAO.