

Prison Phone Companies Extort Families

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I want to discuss phone calls again. I am in prison, I took a man's life who attacked me. How much money should me & my family have to pay to talk to each other on the phone? Prison phone companies buy minutes (millions of minutes per transaction) for under 1 penny. What I mean is that they buy 3 minutes for under 1 cent. In 2014, the latest date received, newspapers nationwide have reported that just 1 prison phone company, Securus (the one my state also uses) made \$404 million in profits off of prisoners & their families. How is it possible for a prison phone company to make almost a 1/2 of a billion dollars just on phone calls alone? I have such a problem with the fact that we have millions of homeless, poor & sick people but companies like this can make this amount of money in just 1 year off of those same people. There are not many wealthy people in prison. Here's the kicker though, this same secure phone company was hacked, over 70 million recorded phone calls that they had stored in their system were put on the internet for anyone to listen to. That's just wrong. They illegally recorded attorney/client calls. The thing that makes it worse is that the company, Securus, tried to cover it all up. What do they get for their crimes, more money from states. Big corporations control our government, it's been that way since I was born. Yet big businesses always seem to be crooks. That's who we have running this country.

My mom spoke to my daughter & she told my mom she asked the prison staff to put me in the hole so I couldn't call her anymore. She asked them to make me do the rest of my life in the hole. Does anyone reading this know what the hole is? I been there plenty of times. It's dehumanizing, it's total isolation, you are locked in a small room with just a bed, toilet, sink & table. A light stays on 24-7, never goes off. If you're lucky you get the 3 showers a week you are supposed to get. If you are lucky you get the 1 hour of fresh air per day in a dog kennel cage. You get nothing, all you can have is pen, paper, a book if someone is kind enough to send you one through the mail. You see no one, the only way to talk to people is by yelling out the door. There is no contact with anyone. You can't use the phone, you can have a visit (no contact through glass) once a month for 1 hour. You are locked in a cell with pen, paper & a book if you're lucky. This goes on for months. And this is what my daughter wanted for me. To never see my mom, to never speak to my mom again. She treats me like garbage, I'm done with her. She is a selfish & rotten child. And I do know this isn't her fault. She was raised to be this way. But until she changes, I'm done.

How many of you think you could handle the hole? 23 hours a day in a cell with nothing? No coming out on weekends for anything. Hoping you don't piss the guards off so they'll feed you. I spent half of 2002 & most of 2003 in the hole. I was losing my mind back there. And this is what my child wanted for me. I am angry & hurt. Well enough of my bad days. It's snowing a lot today & we are locked down. Why? We have no idea. Well time to go. They brought dinner, 1 peanut butter & jelly sandwich & an orange. Gonna be a long night. Take care, go eat a big dinner for me. God Bless, ciao.

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I SUPPORT MAKING CHANGES TO THE PAROLE STATUE WHICH BLOCKS PAROLE REVIEW FOR LIFERS AND TO END THE FELONY MURDER LAWS, (SECOND DEGREE MURDER), HERE IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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