

Hello my name is Activist Jennifer Johnson  
Some people knows who I am, others do not  
know. Just to give you a little history about me.  
I have been blogging on Between the Bars pin #  
1092 for decades. My Motto is to bring new conversation  
to life, where society has buried them. Its very  
clear in our society today, that the family structure  
and humanity is being destroyed because of the  
lack of wisdom.

If we had the wisdom and education of how to  
break any barrel down in our pathway. Our  
level of thinking would be further into a realm  
that is so powerful, it will changed lives. This is  
the reason I ~~love~~ love meeting people right where  
they are. Another valid reason for me as to why  
blogging became my passion and purpose "It  
because my story maybe your story, your story  
maybe my story."

Especially in the atmosphere we live in today. As  
we are heavily surrounded by systematic failures,  
racism, sexism and a egotistic government slash  
society. I had to learn quickly how to overcome  
all the above as I was sentenced to life with the  
possibility of parole for murder at the age of  
22 in Georgia. I never would have thought  
that I had to leave my little babies at the

age of 2, 3 and 9 days old for someone else to raise them.

Now they are grown, I still sit here in shock after 27 years in a Georgia prison for a murder I didn't commit. The shock continues as I have 5 adorable grandchildren I cannot enjoy. Because I am stuck in a system that is rigged to hold the African American women. As I came to the realization, that is the way Georgia system is set up to fail African American woman.

By giving the poor, a lawyer that the State knows is going to misrepresent the defendant. As they ~~easy~~ ease a conviction through the courts swiftly to send that person to prison. As the jury are rigged up with all whites' and one Black such as in my criminal case. On the other hand, small counties like Decatur County - Bainbridge, GA don't allow the defendants to practice their post conviction remedies as ~~they~~ they try hard to save money for ~~the~~ the county.

However, another outlook on this situation is that Georgia Parole Board system is also rigged up to keep offenders locked up so the State can continue to stack up their coins.

Let's talk about how this is happening in the STATE of Georgia - when a lifer comes up for parole. The

judges and district attorneys) is given an option to say whether the offender can make parole. Most of ~~the~~ them deny the offender on either - you have not done enough time or the nature of your crime, which will never change. What I am not understanding is this, you have already sentenced me. New York get a round one, two, three and four etc. Come on society this is not right.

Another point to make is, at trial some people know their victims, because they get up in speak. On the other hand, in other cases some people don't have the slightest <sup>(clue)</sup> clue about a victim until they come up for parole. The comment is made to the family when inquiry about their loved ones being constantly being denied parole. The parole board reply, you have to talk to the victims. Now the family is saying "What victim?"

All this secret gray area in the dark is keeping many African American women behind the walls in Georgia penal system. Because Georgia's allegedly victims is kept a secret sometimes compared to other states where the parole board panel and the victims report to the prison for a parole hearing. With my whole heart I feel there is a ~~big~~ backlash when a defendant is African

American woman, coming from a minority background. Where they lived in poverty and lived in predominantly poor area like the section known as the projects.

For me, coming into the penal system, caused a lightbulb to come on quickly in my mind. This alone pushed me into learning and thinking of how I could ever come this negative perspective that had swallow me up as a result of systematic failure. Where only the white man is equipped to win.

As I come to my final thoughts, I have ~~to~~ to share this with you. I knew the parole board was going to let me down as I continue to see other lifers get their parole denied over and over. I studied this so when it was my turn to be denied such as 2011, 2017, 2021, 2022 now I am up 2024. I had already found my path by educating myself.

First I received my GED. Then I got involved in multiple vocational trades where I became certified in each. On the other hand I received many OJT's. But my biggest accomplishment has been receiving my Associate of ARTS in Business Communication. August 14, 2024 I graduated with my Bachelor of ARTS in Business

Communication. I triple majored with Sociology, Business Management, and Business Administration all through ~~my~~ Ashland University studies. But the real question is, is this enough for the District attorneys and judges in DeCATur County - Bunbridge GA. Is this enough for the victims I didn't know about? Is this enough for the staff at Pulaski State Prison even though I don't get write ups. Is this enough for the Parole Board? Even though the most I had made up in my mind that I was going to break this systematic failure in my life.

~~The~~ The question I have for you today is "How will you break your systematic failure?"

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