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Greetings.

so its march now 2<sup>nd</sup> day, I don't think I wrote about my Parole denial, or at least not in detail. so lets go back to July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

my attorney and every one was confident that I would be Paroled. But it didn't turn out that way.

The Commissioner a lady talked or rather asked me about the crime. I began by explaining what I've learned from my self help courses.

That would take me back to my childhood, where without realizing it I developed and experienced trauma which led to character defects. of course I didn't know it then,

I joined a street Gang "The Psycho Kings" when I was 11 yrs old.

By 12 yrs old I was sent to the youth Authority. where I met older guys that became my mentors. and like Big Brothers to me. From them I learned what was the Gang members life style. As time passed I developed a warped belief system. And I've lived my entire life with that belief system. By the time I was 18 yrs old I was so entrenched in that life style that nothing else mattered. I also began using drugs. I was developing many more defects. but I didn't know that's what they were. The one that was most dominant was violence. I could become violent very fast. soon after I was sent to Prison and joined a prison Gang.

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the parole panel asked about the death of John Mendoza and explained what led to the murder. the Panel didn't believe my account claiming that the witnesses and the court told a different story. they believed witnesses that were high on drugs, told a variety of stories that were never presented to the jury. there's taped recordings that prove they lied, made up stories. But my attorney wouldn't use the tapes at trial.

i told the panel i was there, i am the person that killed john. if any one knows what actually happened that night its me. But they said my story don't make sense.

Then they brought up my gang history, which is in the past, im not a gang member any more, and haven't been for many years. But they assumed i was still actively involved until recently. i tried explaining this to the panel, but again they kept going into the past, i haven't been involved in any gang activity in over 20 yrs. And its all in the prison file. if they had just reviewed it they'd see it.

i've been in prison a long time, over 40 yrs. and i can't deny that i was a violent person, and left many victims who were rival gang members, most of the time, but that was a long time ago.

i've had some disciplinary infractions here and there, for fighting, and for other minor things, but not gang related. and they are not recent. so shouldn't be held as current.

The District Attorney then read letters from the victims family members, who opposed parole.

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While I believe the victims family has all the right to be heard and say what ever they want, they must be given that outlet, I took their father, loved one, and I can't ever change that, or make that loss any easier, even after 40 years, I know that they will feel that pain, that loss, all I can do is keep them in my prayers.

I can't change my past, I can't erase what I was, but I can and have changed who I am today; I have completed a variety of self help courses.

The Parole Board is suppose to determine if an inmate is a current danger to society, and what they relied on to deny parole has nothing to do with that.

The Parole Board said that I think in teflon, that rules don't apply to me, that they just roll off of me, and I do whatever I like. But where is it that I violated any rules in the past seven years. I've been disciplinary free, I haven't used drugs in over 40 yrs, which was one of the main causes that I committed crimes in the first place.

Its really discouraging when one does all this work, only to have the past used to deny parole, what about all the good I've done over the past 7 yrs. Not once did they mention any of that. But I will continue to have faith in God.