I was born in Austin, TX and raised in San Antonio.

A series of tragic events occurred resulting in my spending two years *Locked-down* in a brutal South Texas jail.

Innocent when I walked in, I was charged with 9 felonies, and handed an \$840,000 bond for assaulting County Deputies in self-defense.

Every unimaginable reality came along with it; plus the Lieutenant ran a *Gladiator* style Rec yard for his own control of the jail - I had to fight for my life.

After two long years, I was released with all nine felony charges dropped. No fines, no probation - Nothing.

In those two years I never had a court date or hearing; but I did lose my wife, my home, and both of my parents died in the nursing homes they were forced into. I finally walked out of that gate; with no place to go, and no way to get there. But I didn't lose myself, or my 800 page Journal.

Everyone believes jails have improved; become orderly and safer. Not in South Texas. It's not controlled chaos, just Chaos - A world no one ever sees.

Down~South~Texas is a visceral and real Series, because, unfortunately for me, I lived it.... ~ Keith