

My name is Keith,

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

A series of tragic events occurred resulting in my spending two years *Down* in a violent South Texas jail.

Having no experience with County jails, I had some tough lessons to learn - Pretty damn fast.

I was innocent when I walked in; charged with nine felonies and handed an \$840,000.00 bond.

I was locked *DOWNSTEXAS* for 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 walked out without a dollar in my pocket - with no place to go and no way to get there.

But I didn't lose myself, or my 800 page Journal. - So I decided to write my story.

Everyone believes that jails have improved; become orderly and safer. Not in South Texas. It is not controlled chaos, it's just Chaos - A world no one ever sees, or wants to see. And now with "Carfentanil" (100x Fentanyl) coming in, it is only getting worse.

My initial goal was to launch [CooperativeGov](#), my very fledgling effort that hopes to address the abuse of the mentally ill who are locked down in County jails; simply because there is nowhere else to place them. Many are there for minor crimes, with no treatment but mis-treatment - I believe there is a better way.

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Logline

An innocent man wakes to find himself locked down in a violent South Texas Jail. Dangerous plots and desperate people surround him - Can he survive this explosive hellhole?

I'll never forget the first conversation after *coming-to* in my cell: It closed with, "Welcome to County. You'll be alright..." Well, I wasn't alright then and alright never came along. So this seems as good a tagline as any.

The reason for the specific music citations is that these were the actual songs being played. They are part of the dialogue. – Keith

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