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Hi my name is Glenale Kellum A.K.A. Maurece Martin

I want to start this off by saying that it is an honor and a privilege to be writing this today. I also pray that whenever you receive this, you will be in the very best of health and spirits.

Life before my criminal history began, was full of love and a wanting to be accepted. I say full of love because due to my mothers' than addiction (might I add she is now 10 years clean and Hallelujah) my grandmother raised me, my cousin, and md my sister. Furthermore, she and her sister (my great aunt) made sacrifices to make sure we had anything and I mean anything you could imagine, we had it. With that being said, the reason I say "a wanting to be accepted" is because now that I am more mature and have a better understanding, I realize that I wanted to be accepted by the people around me. Growing up in the streets of Oakland ca you see a lot as a kid. Besides My God Father I also didn't have a dad or father figure around. So I guess I always had the need of wanting to be accepted and that in short is what began my criminal history.

Most of my crimes, including my very first crime was a robbery. That and gun cases. It was something that the people around me were doing and by this time I had completely disregarded the teachings, morals and values that my grandmother and aunt had instilled in me. I was mostly on my own this all by the age of 16

Robbery (my attorney had the charges reduced to assault with a firearm) is what I am currently incarcerated for. For the first few month I was represented by what you would call a "Public Pretender" But by the grace of GOD my mom and a few others were able to come together and get me a paid attorney. I never was offered a bail due to the charges.

Crazy part is... Now that I reflect and look back at things, I honestly feel like I could have gotten the same time I ended up with if I would have just kept the "public pretender". Smh ☹️ I know Right!

I am now currently housed at California state prison Solano Located in Vacaville, Ca. I just recently got moved to the level 2 area of the prison which is dorm living. Besides the lack of privacy, this part of the prison provides Excellent

Rehabilitation opportunities and or programs to get any man that wants to change/ are ready to transition to the free world. There are countless groups provided such as NA/ AA, MAN UP, YOGA ETC. This prison also provides vocational programs such as welding, carpentry, plumbing, etc. Truth of the matter is that you have to want to provide a better future for yourself and your family. It all starts with you.

I have now been down for 5 years and through these years of incarceration I have learned patience. I have learned humility they both at times are still a struggle. I have also learned how to sacrifice. I have learned the importance of family being that I have two beautiful daughters and the choices I make not only affect me but it also effects them too. This experience has helped me build my relationship with GOD who is the head of my life. It has also taught me people skills and how important communication is. It's taught me how important it is to solidify every aspect in your life and that is spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically.

As I look at my current circumstances from a mature man of GOD point of view, I now embrace my situation. I know this was all in GOD'S plan

In closing I want to say to anybody that is now incarcerated... keep god first remain humble, stay focused on the big picture (which is going home) and I promise everything else will fall into place. Trust the process. Thank you and GOD Bless!

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