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3/20/04

I received your letter, QUESTIONNAIRE, and Release form
 & response to my last letter. THANKS. I will begin this letter
 trying to answer each and every last one of your questions to
 the fullest and best of my knowledge.

1) Biographical

A) 3-2-68

B) 15 yrs old

C) 16 yrs old

D) Black

E) Male

[REDACTED]

G) U.S

2) what were the circumstances of your crime?

A) ARMED ROBBERY, ATTEMPTED MURDER, CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

B) YES, AN OLDER DUDE

C) 15 yrs old

3) what was your life situation at the time of the crime?

A) YES, I WAS LIVING AT HOME, BUT THERE WASN'T MUCH GUIDANCE, MY

MOM [REDACTED] WAS GONE ON DRUGS, MY FATHER [REDACTED] WAS NO

THERE AROUND, MY OLDER SISTER [REDACTED] HAD THIS OLDER GUY

[REDACTED] LIVING IN THE HOUSE WITH US WHO TURNS OUT TO BE

* A ESCAPE FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, AND A ONE (1) MAN CRIME WAIVER

in the city of Detroit, which is who influenced me to commit my crimes. and yes, I was attending this alternative school for troubled teens.

1). What were the circumstances of your arrest?

A). I was caught at the scene of the crime, yes the police beat and interrogated me.

B). it was very painful and scary.

C). a couple of days later when I was at 1333 E. forest Wayne County Youth Home, The Attorneys name is [REDACTED], she only seemed concerned with getting me to inform on my older co-Defendant about a bunch of other crimes that I had no knowledge of. She kept telling me to tell her and the police about all these other crimes and they would make sure that I go to the Boys Training School (B.T.S) and not get waived as an adult, and get sent to prison.

D). Her name is [REDACTED], I don't know her contact info. The other attorney they gave me; [REDACTED] who supposedly represented me on my appeal of the juvenile waiver to the adult system, but I never see him or met with him. The way I know of him is because after I learned how to read, his name appear on all of my court documents. The other attorney they gave me...

[REDACTED], he's now a judge, he represented me at my trial after I was waived from juvenile. Then they gave me [REDACTED] to represent me on my appeal after I was found guilty at trial. YES. you can contact them all.

2). When and how was it clear that you would be charged as an adult for the crime?

A). It was clear to me after ~~_____~~ told me that I better start tell her and the police what they wanted to know about my older co-Defendant ~~_____~~ or I would be sent Down Town as an adult.

3). How was your Trial?

A). I Don't know how my Trial was, During that time; a child psychologist ~~_____~~ examined me and Diagnosed me as being mildly Retarded and only functioning on a second grade academic level, so I really had no understanding ~~of~~ what was going on or happening to me

B). Even though I can read a little bit, I still struggle to understand what my Defense Attorney did or didn't do for me. I have all this paper work that he did, but it's confusing; I mean the Language and Terminology of it is just hard for me to grasp.

C). I didn't know what I wanted - for I didn't understand the procedures.

d). No, I didn't understand what sentences I might end up with, but I now know and understand that During the time that I was sentenced the Michigan Judicial Sentencing Guidelines system was in place, and ~~now~~ I fall under the class B or C section of that system, and my recommended sentencing guideline was or is 8 to 15 yrs. for the crime that I committed.

E) I was = no willin' to share any of all documents that I have

6). yes, I appealed my sentence, but to no avail. I don't understand what the process was like. I just know that [REDACTED] took my case to the Appeals court raising THREE (3) ISSUES...

①. THE PROSECUTOR DENIGATED THE DEFENSE AND appealed to the jurors' sense of civic duty in his closing argument.

②. A manifest injustice resulted when the court incorrectly instructed the jury on the definition of legal sanity.

③. THE TRIAL COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN SENTENCING.

in which all three (3) issues were denied, she then took my case to the Supreme court with the same three (3) issues which they also denied, at that point she told me that there was nothing else that she could do for me, and that I was on my own, so I started the process of learning to read + write, started going to the Law Library and got help from other prisoners to prepare a writ of Habeas corpus to submit to the federal courts which was also denied. Now I'm in the process of doing a 6.500 motion for the lower courts, but it's hard for me — for I don't have anybody to help me!

7). Life in prison

A). I am miserable as Hell in here, I've lost my whole family since being in here either by death or abandonment.

B). Nothing that's of any value to the human body — for they cook all the vitamins and nutrients out of the food plus they let the fruit get rotten before allowing us to have it.

C). It's a concrete cage with a concrete bed with a steel toilet.

D). yes, I've been transferred to 11 different prisons here in Michigan which I think is a much better thing because being in one (1) prison for more than a few years is miserable

1). NO

2). YES, I've BEEN Stabbed ON Two (2) Different ~~times~~ occasions by other PRISONERS.

3). My Situation hasn't Really changed much except the fact that i've gotten older, a little bit more mature, a little bit bigger in physical size, and the older prisoners have stopped preying on me for sex.

4). YES, I've had to Stab other prisoners for preying on me for sex and other stuff.

5). I think my mental health is good.

6). G.E.D which i completed, but it took me a very long time.

7). NO

8). YES, when I got Stabbed, other than that, NO.

9). YES, ONE (1) Hour a day, is all we get.

10). What would you like to change about your situation?

A). I would like to change this "Death Sentence" that i HAVE so that I can get out of here one day, and move forward with my Life.

11). What else do you think it is important for Human Rights Watch to know about your situation?

A). I would like for y'all to know that During my JUVENILE Waiver Hearing Testimony was ~~not~~ Received from THREE (3) so called professional people

1). ~~Franklin County Department of Social Services~~

2). ~~Franklin County Department of Social Services~~

3). ~~Franklin County Department of Social Services~~ (Adult system).

They said that i was beyond Rehabilitation in the Juvenile system, and i could not be? if i'm mildly disturbed and a little disturbed and

second grade level, plus I have NEVER BEEN placed in a JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL facility such as BOYS TRAINING SCHOOL (B.T.S.). THEY ALSO said that ONCE I WAS placed in the ADULT PRISON system, I would RECEIVE the help and treatment that I NEEDED to better myself. They lied - for I'm getting NO HELP at all from them. OTHER PRISONERS HELPED ME study & PASS my G.E.D. EVEN RIGHT NOW, these people are REFUSING me the treatment that I NEED to better myself - they won't allow me to attend the SEX OFFENDERS program saying that I don't need it; I'm gonna DIE in here (PRISON). LOOK Y'ALL, I NOW KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE a price to pay for whatever I do WRONG in LIFE. I'VE BEEN in here for TWENTY (20) yrs. straight since the age 15. I FEEL that I'VE paid the price for the MISTAKES I made in my LIFE as a JUVENILE. I DIDN'T KILL any body nor have I EVER harmed any children, so I SHOULDN'T have to DIE in here. SOMEBODY, PLEASE help me get out of here or at least help me get an OUTDATE so that I can SEE when I can get out of here. I DON'T NO what to do ... LIFE in PRISON without an OUTDATE to me is WORSE than the ELECTRIC chair and GAS chamber, this STUFF here is a LONG SLOW MISERABLE DEATH. SOME days I JUST wish they GONE and take me to the back and kill me NOW. DON'T GET me wrong, I am NOT suicidal.

THE bottom line is this ... I DON'T FEEL that I'VE BEEN Treated fairly on ANY level in the CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURT system!

THANKS for reading these words
Respectfully Submitted

