



P R O F I L E O F
J A M E S E A R L A D R I A N

Full Name	JAMES EARL ADRIAN
Prisoner Number	247481
D.O.B.	November 15, 1977
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Murder Felony Murder Felony Firearm
Date of Crime	April 27, 1995
Conviction Date	December 1, 1995
Age at Time Crime was Committed	17-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	18-years-old

Prisons Resided Within/Dates

Carson City Correctional Facility

Brief description of offense and prisoner's role in it.

I was convicted of being involved in a robbery which resulted in a murder that I never took place in.

What difficulties have you experienced as a juvenile living among adult prisoners?

I was forced to grow up and learn how to take care of myself. I had to learn how to be a man and how to talk to people. I had to learn to cook, clean, work, manage money, follow direction. I also had to earn respect of other prisoners and stand up for myself.

Have you been negatively affected by your experiences as a juvenile living among adult prisoners? Please explain.

I often found myself being taken advantage of by being put in pressure situations that caused me to pay money to avoid confrontation with older prisoners. I was also negatively influenced by older prisoners to be manipulated into doing stupid stuff, like swearing at correctional officers and stealing, which led to fights and misconducts.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

I had to learn by myself over years of mistakes. I got a lot of advice from my mother and different counselors who took time to instruct me when I was younger.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

I have changed due to my maturity. I have learned to appreciate life and recognize the mistakes I made in my life. I have grown out of doing childish things and left the juvenile behavior behind. I know how to avoid negative people and have productive friends and thoughts. Last but not least, I think before I act and can't be influenced by what others say or do.

Have you remained in continual contact with family or friends since becoming incarcerated?

I have lost most of my family while in prison. I still have my mother, aunt, grandmother and 2 little brothers. I no longer associate with my old friends.

If you were granted a second chance and released, what would you do?

I want to start a family. I want to use the knowledge I attain in here to be a youth counselor or anything to do with helping young adults. I would also like to be a chef. I just want to take care of my mother and be a big brother.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I have attained my G.E.D., Custodial Maintenance Technology certificate, Independent Study courses of Real Estate, Small Business, Advance Business, Financial Survival. I completed Personal Growth and Systems Adjustment Assault Reduction class. I completed Assault Offender Program (AOP). I completed a safety and health class. I completed Food Service Sanitation training. I completed a class for Bloodborne Pathogens. I have maintained several jobs cooking in the kitchen and law clerks.

Make any statement you'd like (100 words or less, please).

I would like to attain a law degree. I use most of my time in the law library. I play sports and work.

My conduct in prison started off with a adjustment period. I had to do one-third of my time so it took seven years until I seen level 2. I caught about 11 tickets but most were when I was young. I have went several years without tickets.