

PROFILE OF
ALEXIS AYALA



Full Name	ALEXIS AYALA
Prisoner Number	225535
D.O.B.	August 11, 1974
Crime(s) Convicted Of	Felony Murder First Felony Firearm
Date of Crime	November 29, 1990
Conviction Date	January 23, 1992
Age at Time Crime was Committed	16-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	17-years-old

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

I and three other individuals (who are all at home now: one did five years and the other two did no time) went to a gas station with the intent of robbing it; two stayed outside while I and another went in. I was holding the gun when in accident it went off and killed the attendant.

What difficulties have you experienced as a juvenile living among adults?

One of my first difficulties was being undersized and scared for my life. Vulnerable to the lifestyle of prison which in order to survive I would have to partake like gambling and violent acts. Also no one to really speak to since I did not want anyone to think I was weak.

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

Well, besides the fact that I really did not have any kind of criminal mind at the time, I now have to think like a criminal when dealing with certain individuals while in prison. Being around adults has made me a little more hard-hearted as well when it comes to certain things. I have seen a lot of violent acts and sexual immoral acts as well. I was talked into doing violent acts on others by adults who took my immaturity as a weakness. I been stressed out and nerves are wrecked.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

Well, a lot of the time I kept my emotions bottled up and some times exploded on family when they come up to visit and put up a front like I was something other than what I was. And even physical violence at times.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

When I first came to prison I was very impressionable and did a lot of things just to fit in. Now I have become more mature

in my thinking (and) do not care what others think and I try to live a peaceful life with God in mind. I study a lot and am secure about myself and who I am.

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

Yes, I keep in contact with family and friends.

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

Upon release I would like to establish an organization to help troubled youths. I would not want any young teen to go through what I went through. I would also like to write a book for youths and parents dealing with how you trouble shoot at your teen. I would like to open up a metaphysical office to assist anyone in a spiritual matter and guide people to find themselves. I would also plan on opening a natural organic store.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I have gotten a PhM degree (Philosopher of Metaphysics) as well being ordained in the Church of Divine Metaphysics. I have been doing art for some years now and became an accomplished artist whose paintings have even been displayed in the United Nations. I completed my G.E.D. and many other programs offered by the prisons as well as outside correspondence programs which I have gotten certificates for.

Prisoner's Statement

Since being in prison almost eighteen years now I have had only four major misconducts. I have been to segregation once and for the most part I have had a good report in prison with staff and have kept employment overall.