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N O R M A N D . B U C K J R .

Full Name	NORMAN D. BUCK JR.
Prisoner Number	201967
D.O.B.	May 24, 1971
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Murder Conspiracy to Commit Murder Felony Firearm
Date of Crime	November 7, 1988
Conviction Date	May 26, 1989
Age at Time Crime was Committed	17-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	18-years-old

Prisons Resided Within/Dates

Currently: KCF

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

I was one of four defendants charged in the shooting death of my father, Norman Buck Sr. One of my co-defendants shot my father three times with a shotgun. My role was in aiding my co-defendant in the shooting. Myself and another co-defendant, Norman W. Sego, age 17, were convicted of 1st degree murder, conspiracy murder 1st degree, and felony firearm. My third co-defendant, Randy Holcomb, age 16 (the shooter), was convicted of 2nd degree murder and sentenced to 22-40 years. My fourth co-defendant, Frank Gieck, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 10-15 years. Case on file People v Buck, 197 Mich App 404.

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

Some of the difficulties that affected me was I was a young man living with men who were a lot older than myself. I had no one to really relate to. One of the biggest things I had to deal with was the emotional time I was having. After dealing with physical and physiological abuse from my father, then being placed into prison and its impact on me, the MDOC really did nothing to help. I have never once been to see a psychiatrist other than at the reception center. Since then not one person has spoken with me about my case. I took it upon myself to take self-help classes with other inmates. That helped me understand more things about myself, my actions and my emotions.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

I have grown older. As I've matured I've seen things differently, my thought process changed, my opinions, everything. I became more educated, and did anything I could do that would better my life. I feel I have done a good job. I think things out over and over more now than I ever have. Just writing this answer out, I sat back, read it and re-read it four times before putting it on paper.

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

I have remained in contact with some of my family since I have been locked up. My aunt is one of the most positive figures I have in my life. She has also opened her home to me for placement if I am given a second chance. My aunt, along with my other family members, also filed application for commutation in hope of me being released.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

G.E.D. completion 5-29-90
Mens Works 6-21-99
Road Block to Recovery 11-19-99
Vocational Training Electronic core 11-23-99
Vocational Electronic Digital 3-7-00
FCC General Radiotelephone Operators License 4-17-00
Master Gardener 2001
Vocational Electronic Technology/PC Computer Servicing 4-11-01
Vocational Electronic Technology/PC Computer Troubleshooting
5-21-01
Vocational Electronic Technology/PC Computer Monitor Repair
7-2-01
Certified Consumer Electronic Technician 1-25-01
Certified Computer Servicing Technician 6-22-01
Certified Network Technician 10-21-01
Certified Computer/Computer Network Technician 1-8-02
Master Electronic Technician 1-8-02
Anger Management 11-19-02

I would like to earn my Master Electrician license, but the MDOC no longer has an apprenticeship program so I'll have to wait until I'm released to enroll in an apprenticeship program. I have been working as an electrician for the last three years.

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

In 20 years of incarceration, I have had 11 misconduct tickets. Only 2 misconducts in the last 10 years, none in the last 5 years. I receive good work reports, and have never had a security level increase. I have tried over and over to attend

Assaultive Offenders, but due to my life sentence I do not meet the MDOC's requirements.

I know we are all judged for what we do, what we say and how we act. I just hope that in the last 20 years I have done everything the best I could have. One thing I have done is opened communication with my father's family, also my family, and over the years I have received good responses. That is one thing important to me.