



PROFILE OF
TIMOTHY DEMETRIUS CLARK

Full Name: TIMOTHY DEMETRIUS CLARK
Prisoner Number: 141233
D.O.B.: September 15, 1956
Crime(s) Convicted Of: Murder
Date of Crime: September 7, 1974
Conviction Date: April 25, 1975
Age at Time Crime was Committed: 16-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison: 18-years-old

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

Everyone was high, direction was given. And things just happen, no thinking, just reactions. Shots was fired, I grab a gun and got involved. Something that I wish I could take back. But life is real and it does not offer play backs. I have plenty of regrets, but through my life journey, I have learnt that all life has a purpose, so I embrace it for what it is. I must, or lose my focus on life.

I have seen alot in prison, in people, and in myself. And I have learnt not to take life for granted as many do.

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

Growing up in prison was maybe a benefit for me. I was forced to grow up real fast or have my life more twisted than what it was. You eight had to be more exertive or intelligent. If you showed weakness you got worked (used).

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

As a kid growing up in prison, my negative experience was with the employees that worked in prison, not all, but enough to cause a build up of hate for those that took advantage of their position. But it was just another lesson in life for me. You don't need to walk down a path twice to realize it is snakes on it.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

I resolved my difficulties by seeing it for what it was. What could I do about something I had no control over. I left it to its own madness.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

Incarceration has changed me for the better. But that's because I wanted better. One can not find change unless one wants it.

When I came to prison, I couldn't even read, and I had no

guidance of a positive nature. I was smart and I had sense. I took advantage of the opportunity to learn. I needed to learn to read and write because I was not one to depend on others. Being in prison already limited ones skills of communication. You could only do so much with a phone, and if you did not have the number, you could do nothing.

I was diagnosed with A.D.D. which I found to be some bull. It's only for people that grasp for the easy way out of something. If some one does not have an interest in something or some one, they divert their attention to some else.

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

Family and friends. Well my god mother and some of her family I am in contact with. My son off and on. A few friends within here. I try not to attach myself to many. Prison is a place that people often forgets. Depending on people in here is a constant disappointment. People are too busy with their own lives out there. I understand it. And I embrace the concept.

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

What would I do if released. I would try to find a job to support myself first. Then I would try to build something out of nothing. But the very thought of freedom scares me because I don't know if I would fail or succeed. However, I am always up to a challenge.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I have accomplished/achieved my G.E.D. on the first try. I have also accomplished several achievements, nothing major, just something one could use in life.

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

I have learnt alot of positive things during my incarceration. I try not to look behind me, stagnating myself, pondering on what was lost. I feel I must look ahead, moving forward on my journey of life.

Whatever purpose is that the Creator has in store for me, that is the road I will take. But first I must experience my hell so that I may recognize my heaven. There has been so many obstacles thrown in my path, testing my strengths. I am a true believer that something great ahead, waiting for me.

Thank you for your time, attention and concerns. May the blessings of our Creator be upon you all.