



PROFILE OF
GERALD R. COLSON

Full Name	GERALD R. COLSON
Prisoner Number	190780
D.O.B.	June 25, 1969
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Murder
Date of Crime	March 18, 1987
Conviction Date	November 13, 1987
Age at Time Crime was Committed	17-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	18-years-old

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

Gerald Ray Colson was 17 when he and acquaintance ran across two guys that were selling electronic equipment out the trunk of their car. Gerald's acquaintance ordered one of the guy's jewelry. Gerald played no part in this. His only concern was to purchase the goods. The deal had went bad and one of the guys was fatally shot by one shot being fired. Gerald got natural life and acquaintance got three years probation in the streets.

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

The difficulties I have experienced while living among adult prisoners is that I had to stand my ground at one time or another because I was tried. Being young, the adults figure you don't know better, almost leading to fights.

How have your difficulties experienced as a juvenile living among adult prisoners negatively affected you?

It let you know that you must not be a punk and to stand your ground if you have a confrontation.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

By staying away from negative people and staying around positive people.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

I've grown up in here not having any problems. I consistently keep myself doing something.

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

Yes. I have remained in continual contact with my mother and father as well as aunts and uncles since I've been incarcerated.

What would you do if granted a second chance and released?

I would show everybody that I'm not the same person I was when I was young. I would try to get my CDL so I could drive a truck as well. I would also like to start a youth prevention program to try and keep young people from coming behind these doors.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I have achieved getting a G.E.D.

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

I would say it is truly wrong to not give a person a second chance at life because as youths we don't think as adults would. I really feel that it is inhumane for these actions to be taken with the juveniles not being able to get a second chance at life until a bill is changed.