

PROFILE OF  
BRIAN GRANGER



Full Name	BRIAN GRANGER
Prisoner Number	174785
D.O.B.	October 17, 1965
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Felony Murder
Date of Crime	June 21, 1983
Conviction Date	December 5, 1983
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.

When I was 17-years-old, I was out riding my bike. I went to go by Sandra Nesle. In doing this I startled her and she knocked me from my bike and started screaming. In an effort to stop her from screaming, I put her in a headlock and covered her mouth and applied pressure. After several minutes she stopped moving and went limp. I thought she was dead. I removed her clothes with the intent of sexually assaulting her. I then changed my mind, because the thought of sex with a dead girl made me sick. I then went to move the body to the bigger ditch and hide it. I later found out that Ms. Nesle drowned because the ditch had several inches of water in it. She would have lived if I wouldn't have moved her body.

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

For the first year or two I was preyed on by the homosexual predators. I felt like a rabbit being thrown into a cage of wolves. It seemed like everyone was trying to take advantage of me. I guess I got lucky because all my hair fell out and after I went bald most of the predators didn't want nothing to do with me anymore.

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

I was forced to grow up and take control of my own destiny and fight when I had no choice. I had to learn to be a convict and think and act like I was a badass, knowing inside I was just a young boy scared half to death.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

I had to adapt to being a convict. In doing this, I had to become an actor in a way because I had to put on a front to make everyone believe I was a badass--a person not to be messed with. When I was backed into a corner I had to fight because I couldn't show weakness or the act would be over. Once you show that you will

fight, other prisoners will leave you alone (as long as you mind your own business).

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

The first seventeen years it made me stronger and meaner, and a more corrupt and wiser prisoner. My love was money and power, and I worked my way up to the top of the drug and gambling rings until I was the man in control of all the drugs and gambling. Later, in 1999, I was tired of the stress and games that I had to go through everyday and made a New Year's resolution to give my life to Christ and change my ways to become a better person. Since then, my life has become a great thing being kind and caring. Being willing to help other people makes me feel good about myself now, and I believe that everything I've went through has made me who I am today--a good Christian with a kind heart who is willing to help others.

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

Yes. I stayed in contact with family and relatives. I didn't have any friends before prison, because I was a loner then.

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

I would get involved with the Christian community and continue to grow in Christ. I'd get a good job by working my way up and with hard work and dedication. I'd find a good Christian woman, get married, and raise a family.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

College. I also gave my life to Christ and became a better person.

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

I know that there's nothing I can say or do to change the fact that I took Ms. Nesle's life. There's no excuse for the crime that I've committed. It was the stupidest thing I've ever done in my life. I wish I could go back and change what happened, but I can't. It's just no possible. My life is now guided by God and He holds my future in His hands.