



PROFILE OF
CHAVEZ D. HALL



Full Name	CHAVEZ D. HALL
Prisoner Number	297874
D.O.B.	Marcy 19, 1983
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Felony Murder Arson of Real Property Criminal Sexual Conduct Assault with Intent to Rob while Armed
Date of Crime	January 27, 1999
Conviction Date	October 8, 1999
Age at Time Crime was Committed	15-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	16-years-old

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

My two co-defendants & myself went to a massage parlor & they wanted to rob the place. I didn't go in at first. (I went in) a few minutes later. And I was told to look for the money while my two co-defendants was beating up the people inside. My main and only role in the entire situation was looking for money. That's all.

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

I didn't live among adults when I was a juvenile.

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

When I first came to prison they sent me to the Michigan Youth Correctional Facility in Baldwin, Michigan. So I didn't go around adult prisoners until I was twenty.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

(Question doesn't apply)

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

I've become a grown man. I understand the life style I was living was the wrong choice. I was fifteen years old when I came to prison and I'm twenty-five years old now. The time I've been in here my entire mindset is different.

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

I do stay in contact with my family mostly. They are very much a big part in helping me deal with doing this prison time. My grandmother and my mother is the most important people to me. They're all I have.

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

I plan on going back to school first off. I want to go to Kellogg Community College. I want to have a good education so I can get a job. Also be a motivational speaker in Battle Creek to the troubled teens. To try to prevent someone from getting in the same situation as myself.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I got my custodial maintenance certificate. And I completed both phases of AA/NA. Took the G.E.D. test a few years ago. But came up ten points short. I'm not able to re-take the test because level 5 prisons don't let us with life go to school.

Prisoner's Statement

I've really got to get my G.E.D. and just stay out of trouble while I'm in here. I write to my family alot and call them often. I play basketball to pass time. Also I spend most of my time in the law library, read and study on my case.

My first four years in prison I received around 60 major misconducts. And over the past five I've only received around 10. Right now I'm at a level 5 security prison. Waiting to get a ride out to a lower level. The first four years was very hard on me in some ways. But I've come around now and know how to stay out of trouble. My conduct was not good at all when I first came to prison. I felt like I had something to prove to everybody. Being only sixteen and so small of a person, and that thought in my head like it don't matter what I do in prison because I'm doing life and I'm going to die in here anyway. But my entire outlook has changed after almost ten years in prison.