



PROFILE OF
BRANDON HARRINGTON

Full Name	BRIAN HARRINGTON
Prisoner Number	248519
D.O.B.	April 21, 1977
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Murder Felony Firearm
Date of Crime	February 18, 1995
Conviction Date	February 26, 1996
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.

As a gang leader I became very upset with one of our members for tension he had with an even younger member. Because of our various conflicts with another gang recently, my home was riddled with bullets and my then pregnant girlfriend nearly shot. This along with alcohol helped fuel my already existing anger towards the other gang member and I eventually shot and killed him that night.

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

Most of the problems young people encounter have to deal with prison staff. There are many verbal altercations and unfortunately physical ones as well between the aforementioned. Thankfully my personal difficulties were just limited to the enormous weight on my mind that life was over. This can't be explained in terms that I am able to convey in order for the reader to understand. If a person thinks back to their high school days and imagines wiping everything else in their lives following that point, then they could at least begin to grasp the concept of hopelessness.

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

To some extent I have become bitter towards our system, because I've seen adults with similar crimes (and some worse) released from prison simply because they plea bargained their cases instead of going to trial.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

I've fully accepted the wrongfulness of my actions (crimes) and accepted my punishment. I refuse to judge my actions by anyone else's. I committed the crime and apparently must do the time.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

It's made me a more patient person and one with very good listening

skills. It's also given me the opportunity to be a father to my daughter which my victim was not given. The way I see events, my responses are all based on a thinking process that I did not have prior to my incarceration.

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

Yes, I've remained in continual contact with family. Of course all the friends and many of the family members are gone.

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

Honestly, I don't know! I don't give it a lot of thought and my lack of experience in society forces me to strongly rely on the help of my very firm support group. I will definitely rely on their experience and guidance.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

I've worked as a cook, school tutor, and janitor. I've completed Michigan Department of Corrections approved groups to change my thinking processes and control anger. I've completed a very extensive Business Education Technology course consisting of typing, database entry, business math, Word Perfect, Lotus Release 4, Microsoft Word, Excel, as well as Power Point. I'm currently awaiting acceptance into the MDOC's Chance for Life rehabilitation program and preparing to start taking correspondence courses from Louisiana State University.

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

My statement is simple: I cannot change the past, regretfully, and I would like to apologize to all whom I hurt. I did not have the right to take another young man's life and put his family and loved ones in the peril I did. I also apologize to my own family for all I put them through even today. I am truly sorry. Albeit I realize that this fixes nothing, may, prayerfully, it helps.