



PROFILE OF
MING HO



Full Name	MING HO
Prisoner Number	244601
D.O.B.	September 21, 1977
Crime(s) Convicted Of	First Degree Murder Attempted Murder Armed Robbery Possession Felony Firearm
Date of Crime	October 4/18, 1994
Conviction Date	June, 1995
Age at Time Crime was Committed	17-years-old
Age at Time Entered Prison	17-years-old

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

In 1994, an associate of mine asked me to help him rob his former place of employment. I agreed to help him. In that armed robbery somebody was shot but not killed. Two weeks later this same associate asked me again to rob another of his former places of employment. I agreed again. However, this time we employed two additional accomplices bringing it to four people involved in this armed robbery. In this attempted robbery somebody was killed.

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

Some of the difficulties I've experienced as a juvenile living among adult prisoners is that the older prisoners generally attempt to dominate the interaction that exists. They would attempt to regulate and impose their will on the interaction that took place. They would try to manipulate and control the younger inmates. But fortunately I've been able to avoid and surmount most of the difficulties that I've encountered.

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

These negative experiences caused me to withdraw in general fostering an anti-social behavior. They caused me to be extremely wary of people. And it instilled an overall attitude of doubt and suspicion in regard to people's intentions. It made me especially reluctant to place my trust in people.

How have you resolved these difficulties or dealt with them?

I resolved some of these difficulties by acknowledging that not everybody is manipulative and untrustworthy. I've learned to be more discerning and cautious. I've learned that I can't shut everybody out. Rather I just need to be more careful of who I interact with and choose as friends. I've learned to be wiser

with my choices in life in general and my choice of friends in particular.

How has a life of incarceration changed you?

Since I've been incarcerated I've matured and grown considerably. All these years allowed me to reflect and mellow out. But a life of incarceration has also caused me much sadness and pain. It made me realize the seriousness of the crimes I've committed. The pain and suffering that I've caused to so many people. How I've affected so badly on the victim, their family and even my own family. I've grown sadder over these years.

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

I do not have continual and constant contact with my family. I don't have much contact with my mother. I haven't seen her since 1998--over 11 years ago. And I haven't heard from my brother since 2005. I don't really have too much contact with anyone in my family. Periodically I'll receive a letter from either my father or sister--perhaps twice in a year.

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

If I was granted a second chance I would like to be involved in some type of community outreach program. I would like to find employment in which I am able to help other people find direction in their lives. My experience has allowed me insight into the necessity of having right guidance and good advice. I would like to engage in something that provides me the medium to exercise such a practice. I would like to reach the youth before they stray as I would have wished for somebody to do so for me. I just want to be involved in something that provides a service to the community and impacts the lives of people in a substantial and influential way.

Accomplishments/Achievements since you've been incarcerated.

Since I've been incarcerated I've earned my G.E.D. I've also enrolled in an auto mechanics course in which I've been certified to work on three areas, i.e., brakes, manual transmissions, and electrical systems. I've also completed my Job Seeking Skills course requirement.

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

I know the crimes I was committed for are heinous. But I would like for people to note that oftentimes we cannot and should not be defined by a single act that we committed in life. We are much more than an act we have done. We are the sum total of our whole existence. We shouldn't allow ourselves to be defined by a negative act we have done in the past and we shouldn't impose this unfair and harsh practice on others. We are so much more than that and

there is so much more to us. We are dynamic human beings. For something we did bad in life there is also so much good we have committed. My heart is no longer a callous heart of stone but rather it has melted into a heart of flesh. I just want to be loved and be forgiven. And I would like to extend my love in return. Love, tolerance, and understanding is what will heal people, society, and the world at large. This is what I would like to offer the world and I hope to receive that in return.