

May 3rd, 2020

Dear Megan

Hello 😊 I received the info on participating in the project in Confronting Conditions of Confinement. I'm very excited to be involved in this and it's an honor to share my story, my experiences and having a voice in this great tragedy of mass incarceration! I feel it's important for me to teach people about the truth of life behind these Iron gates and in sharing, I hope to prevent and hopefully stop mass incarceration, not just in Michigan, but the entire United States. If I can turn all of my years of pain, loss, sorrow, grief, depression, attempted suicides, deep sadness, my tears and many other experiences and emotions into a movement to change how our criminal justice system works and to find just solutions and alternatives to our problem, I will honestly feel that all I went through was worth it, I didn't waste away and over →

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if after I have died, I had a positive lasting effect on the world, that will be my paying it forward!

Megan, I do appreciate the short letter you wrote me, it shows a personal touch and I want to thank you for that. 😊 It lets me know you care and I'm not just another statistic, another number in the system!

I have been involved in P.C.A.P. with the U of M now for about 7 years. I first began submitting my writing for the Yearly Journal, after several years, my writing was finally chosen for publication in 2016. "Origami Handcuff Keys" I had been writing for about 14 years when I got published, it's a dream come true, I had always wanted to become a published author and I finally did it. I made my mom very proud too, which meant the world to me. I'm very close to my mom, she has always been by my side every day of my entire life, thank God for that! →

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I began submitting artwork for the annual art exhibition. I fell in love with Art! PCAP has had such a positive impact on my life and I made some amazing friends, Ashley Lucas, Phil Christman, Graham Hamilton, Charlie Michaels, Aaron Kinzel and others. Ashley and Phil are my Best friends 4 life! ☺

I have a little more time to do, when I come home I want to be as active as possible with the U of M and with PCAP. I'd love to go on art selection trips, visit all the facilities, I look forward to that!

Im gonna begin putting my Writing together, share my story, even the very sensitive subjects, because I believe people need to know what prison is really like and hear it from somebody who has been to 16 different prisons, including 3 maximum security prisons.

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ONCE I get all of it together,
I will sign the forms and
send it to you. What ever
you guys use, cool! What you
dont, cool.

Megan, as much as I'd
like to write you a longer
letter, I know you have other
things to do... lol. 😊 I just
wanted to tell you I appreciate
all that your doing, it will make
a difference and keep up the great
work, your amazing. I will
be working hard and as soon
as I can, I will begin to send
you my writing. I do have a
few Quick Questions:

- #1. Do I have to sign a release
form every time I send something to you
- #2. Will you folks at the research
center be visiting me some time.
- #3. Will there be any individual correspondence?

Take Care, With Appreciation, Justin Rose