

Missouri Prisoner's Newsletter – Volume 1

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Reformed Men Sentenced to Life Without Parole Seek a Second Chance

From 1976 to 1990, the United States incarcerated one million prisoners. In the 80's, addiction, crime, and gang violence increased, society panicked and as a result, between 1990-2000 the United States incarcerated an additional million people. The Federal Government believing these criminals were too violent and incapable of reform, called for harsher sentences and during President Clinton's administration, the 1994 True Crime Bill was passed requiring prisoners to start serving 85 to 100% of their sentences. Various states began adopting the same sentencing laws and the after effects of this bill found the men featured in this article convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life without parole. As juveniles and young men, these individuals were convicted of violent crimes, and after spending decades in prison, their rehabilitative efforts lead them to believe their thinking is now in alignment with reality and that they're no longer a threat to society. They respectfully request the Missouri Legislature and Parole Board to revisit the laws and police that contribute to the mass incarceration problems in the United States, because the "Tough on Crime Era" of the 80's and 90's that replaced rehabilitation with retribution does not work. Many state prisoners have been convicted of violent crimes and most of them are not getting a second chance. Violent crime is real, and its long-term effects are painful for everyone involved. However, people in prison, like people everywhere, do change over time.



Hasan Allison, James Williams, Barry Brown, Danny Morris, Carols Wade, Scott Motley, & Jordan Martin



Hasan Allison 520885
DOB: 12/17/1977
Crime: First Degree Murder
Conviction Date: 4/26/1996
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Hasan Allison:

Guess I'll start with a quote from the St. Louis Post, "How do four men who just graduated high school and another juvenile with no criminal records or known gang ties get arrested for a drive by shooting?" The fifteen-year-old juvenile, I, now forty-three, made a terrible choice and a young girl lost her life. I was present at the crime scene, not as the shooter but guilty as an accomplice that could have prevented the crime and sentenced to life without parole. In 2012 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled life without parole sentences for children were unconstitutional. Missouri Legislature thereafter passed a law stating juveniles sentenced to life without parole may petition for parole after serving twenty-five years, and in 2019 the parole board gave me a hearing, told me their investigation concluded I was not a violent man, but due to the sentencing structure surrounding my consecutive sentences, I had to serve an additional twenty-five years before being eligible for parole. Today I am a facilitator in the I.T.C trying to make the institution and world a safer place person at a time. I've done decades in prison, rehabilitating into the man I'm capable of being, a different person, and I know I am more than the worst thing I ever did. I was a child loyal to a fault that made a terrible decision, the pain is still there for us all, but those are days of yesterday, and I would like to be somebody who's worthy of a second chance, who would be a great asset to society.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 25 years of incarceration

Education: G.E.D

I.T.C Graduate and current I.T.C Facilitator

Criminality – Substance abuse education treatment – Anger management

Complete breakdown of alcoholics anonymous 12 steps – Violence modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change

Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) in the I.T.C

I.C.V.C Facilitator in the I.T.C.

Relapsed Prevention 1 & 2 – Advance Criminality

Good Intentions & Bad Choices – Fear the Anger Trigger

Healing the Addicted Brain – Self Esteem

Accepting Responsibility in a Finger Pointing World – Beat the Streets

Breaking the Chains of Addiction – Maintenance Steps

Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy

Feed my Starving Children – Grief Support Group

Global Leadership Summit

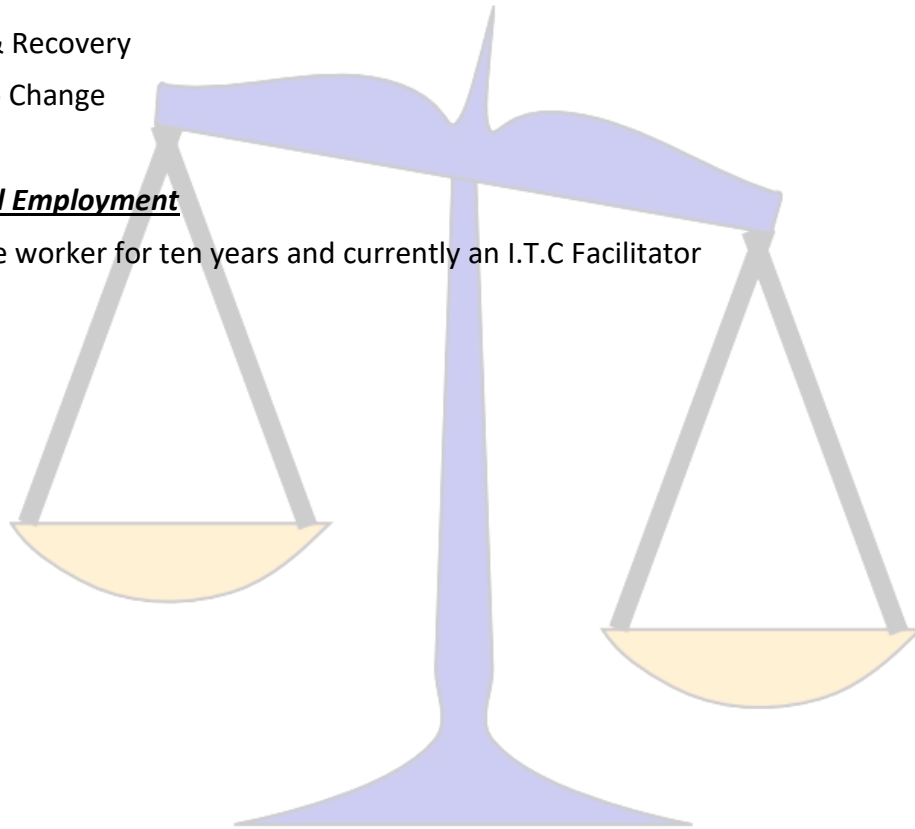
CDL Course

Marijuana & Recovery

Pathways to Change

Institutional Employment

Food Service worker for ten years and currently an I.T.C Facilitator





Barry E. Brown 514894
DOB: 4/10/1960
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 7/04/1994
Conviction Date: 4/27/1995
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Barry Brown:

Prior to coming to prison and the I.T.C. I had no idea who I was. My whole life I ran and hid from my feelings and fears or expressed them negatively towards myself and others. I did not learn what it meant to be a man until I joined the I.T.C. in 1999. I was 34 when I committed this horrific crime. The decisions I made destroyed the bodies, minds, spirits, and futures of many and I am truly sorry. I've been in prison for almost 30 years, 21 years in the I.T.C. and I'm not the same person when I committed murder. Having my freedom taken and facilitating in the I.T.C. has taught me a lot about myself and my actions. I came to the I.T.C. to change, to ensure I lived the rest of my life responsibly, to never create another victim and in return, I found an inner peace and purpose, which is to help others in their journey of recovery. Who is Barry Brown? I am a God-fearing man that made many poor choices and I believe I can be a law-abiding citizen in society, and I hope for a second chance.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 27 years of incarceration.
With over 60 certifications listed are the more important accomplishments

Education: G.E.D

I.T.C Graduate and current I.T.C Facilitator

Criminality – Substance abuse education treatment – Anger management

Advance Anger Management – Anger Management Facilitator

Complete breakdown of alcoholics anonymous 12 steps – Violence modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change

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I.C.V.C Facilitator in the I.T.C.

Relapsed Prevention 1 & 2 – Advance Criminality

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Healing the Addicted Brain – Self Esteem

Accepting Responsibility in a Finger Pointing World – Beat the Streets

Breaking the Chains of Addiction – Maintenance Steps

Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy

Governor's Council of Physical Fitness and Health

Geriatric Education Training Phases 1 & 2

Feed My Starving Children – Grief Support Group

Prison Hospice Training Seminar

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

On the job training as a professional painter

I.T.C. Winners Circle – Long Distance Dads

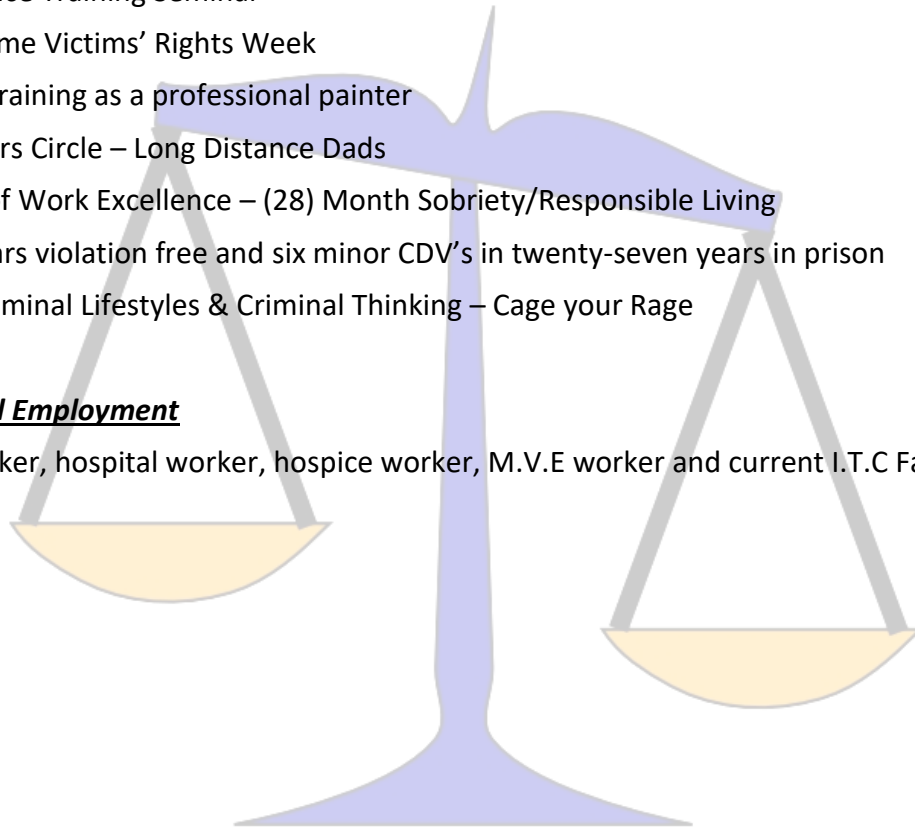
Certificate of Work Excellence – (28) Month Sobriety/Responsible Living

Ten plus years violation free and six minor CDV's in twenty-seven years in prison

Myths of Criminal Lifestyles & Criminal Thinking – Cage your Rage

Institutional Employment

Kitchen worker, hospital worker, hospice worker, M.V.E worker and current I.T.C Facilitator





Jordan Martin 1261891
DOB: 9/22/1991
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 3/21/2010
Conviction Date: 10/23/2013
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Jordan Martin:

I am someone who made a lot of choices as an adolescent that developed bad habits to survive in my environment, and as I aged, I did not know how to change those learned behaviors and continued a destructive cycle that harmed many. I didn't know who I was as a person, and it was easy to adopt the beliefs and opinions of others. There is nothing I can do to take back the wrong things I've done in life, but I can choose to change now and live a life conducive to me and those around me. Learning that my daily decisions affect not only myself but also others, has been a priceless lesson. Another important lesson I learned is to think everything through, and now that I have completed the I.T.C. and become a facilitator I can help others not make the choices I've made and help them not create any more victims. Being locked up at such a young age has put me on a journey in prison with many ups and downs. But now as I continue to take classes and programs, I learn more and more what it means to be a mature man. A man who would be an asset to the world and not a liability. A free man who no longer allows his past to define him, a man that is more than a number, that's hoping for a second chance.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 11 years of incarceration

Education: G.E.D

I.T.C Graduate and current I.T.C Facilitator

Criminality – Substance abuse education treatment – Anger management

Advance Anger Management – Anger Management Facilitator

Complete breakdown of alcoholics anonymous 12 steps – Violence modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change

Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) in the I.T.C

I.C.V.C Facilitator in the I.T.C.

Relapsed Prevention 1 & 2 – Advance Criminality

Good Intentions & Bad Choices – Fear the Anger Trigger

Healing the Addicted Brain – Self Esteem

Accepting Responsibility in a Finger Pointing World – Beat the Streets

Breaking the Chains of Addiction – Maintenance Steps

Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy – Inside Out Dad Program

Global Leadership Summit – Story Link – Mindful Wellness

A.A. & Substance Abuse

Restorative Justice Organization Member

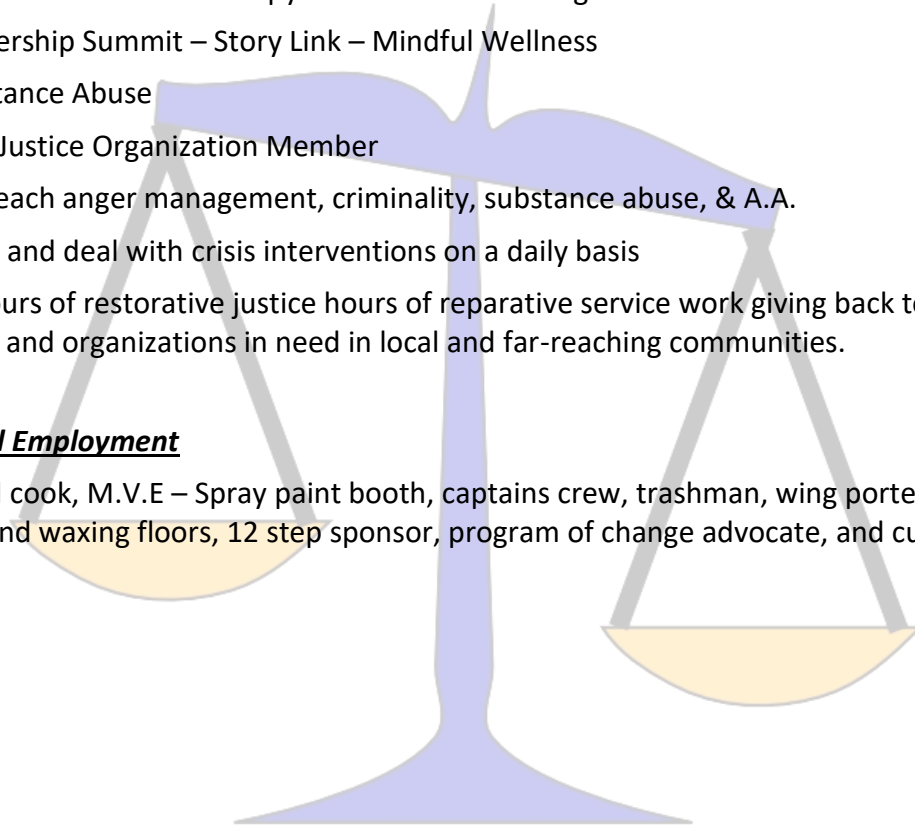
Trained to teach anger management, criminality, substance abuse, & A.A.

Lead groups and deal with crisis interventions on a daily basis

Over 500 hours of restorative justice hours of reparative service work giving back to various foundations and organizations in need in local and far-reaching communities.

Institutional Employment

Kitchen lead cook, M.V.E – Spray paint booth, captains crew, trashman, wing porter, lead man on buffing and waxing floors, 12 step sponsor, program of change advocate, and current I.T.C. facilitator.





Danny Morris 177865
DOB: 4/28/1958
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 4/26/1990
Conviction Date: 12/07/1990
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Danny Morris:

A son, brother, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, a changed man. As a child I was born and grew up in New Madrid Missouri without a father and raised by a single parent. My family kept my life alive through many shared stories about the man called Danny. Along this journey of being incarcerated, my sister shook my heart and around my spirit into wanting to change and these feelings guided me into the I.T.C. Change wasn't easy at first, my core beliefs and thinking were a mess. But hope, faith, and the I.T.C. along with the strong desire to be a better man propelled me forward and gave me the change I needed. I recognized that I suffered from an arrested development as a youth, making many immature decision and now that I've matured into a man, I hope for a second chance and to be released back into society. This is my request for a second chance.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 31 years of incarceration

Education: G.E.D

I.T.C. Graduate & Current I.T.C. Elder

Criminality – Substance Abuse Education Treatment – Anger Management

Complete Breakdown of Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step

Violence Modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men

Commitment to Change

Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) in the I.T.C.

Relapse Prevention 1 & 2

Good Intentions and Bad Choices - Fear the Anger Trigger

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Breaking the Chains of Addiction – Maintenance Steps

Feed My Starving Children

Transition Training

I.C.V.C. 2 times in general population

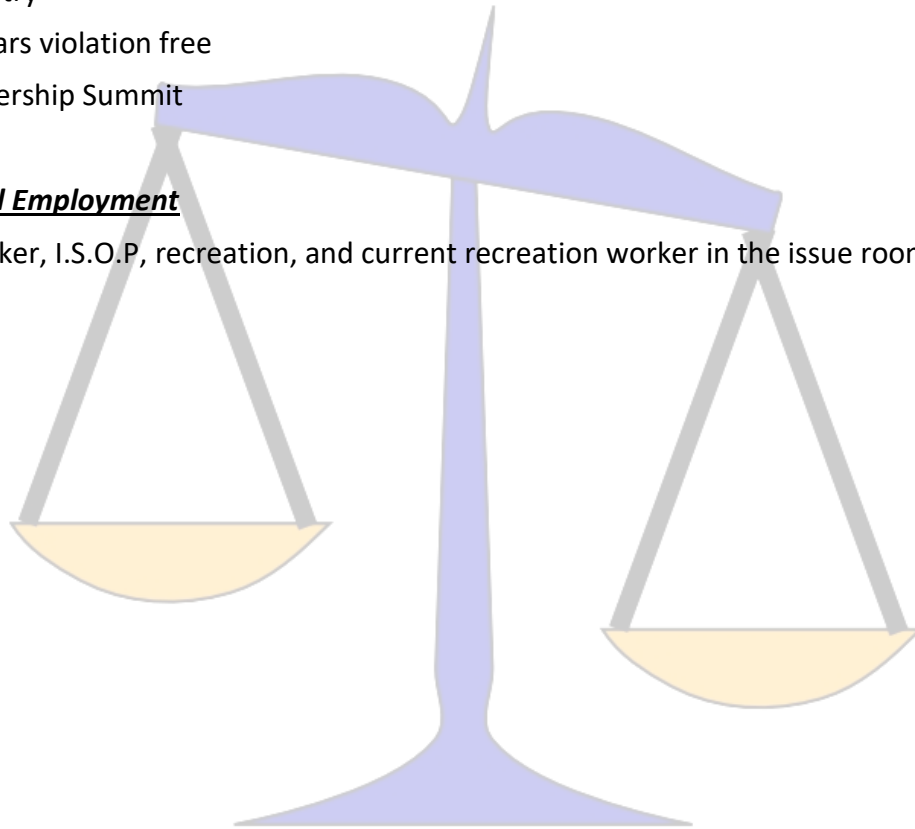
Prison Ministry

Five plus years violation free

Global Leadership Summit

Institutional Employment

Kitchen worker, I.S.O.P, recreation, and current recreation worker in the issue room





Scott T Motley 189491
DOB: 4/04/1973
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 5/24/1999
Conviction Date: 5/19/2000
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Scott Motley:

I am a sinner. I have been in prison half my life and my thinking and behaviors used to be out of control. Prior to joining the I.T.C. my life used to be a blur of selfish decisions and habits that caused others and myself much pain. There is no excuse for any of my past poor choices. However, I am not a murderer. My parent's neighbor told police I killed my best friend. I was arrested, charged with murder, and ended up in a circus of trials where I was not allowed to confront my accuser. Instead, police told the jury my parent's neighbor said I committed the murder, the prosecutor had an expert testify my DNA was found at the crime scene, and I was convicted and sent to prison for life. After my appeals were denied, I found out my parent's neighbor was a suspected serial killer. I took a paralegal course and researched my entire case. In 2017 I got the F.B.I. involved and they requested the state lab to reexamine the DNA evidence of the case, and I discovered the DNA from the crime scene did not match to my DNA. These newly discovered facts are real. I've always claimed my innocence, and after serving twenty-two years of this wrongful conviction, I respectfully request a chance to parole so I can prove my innocence.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 22 years of incarceration

Education: High School Diploma – Monroe City High 1992

Paralegal Certification with Blackstone Career Institute 2010

I.T.C. Graduate, current Elder & Elder Advisory Committee Member

Current I.T.C. pre-entry Coordinator

Criminality – Substance Abuse Education Treatment – Anger Management

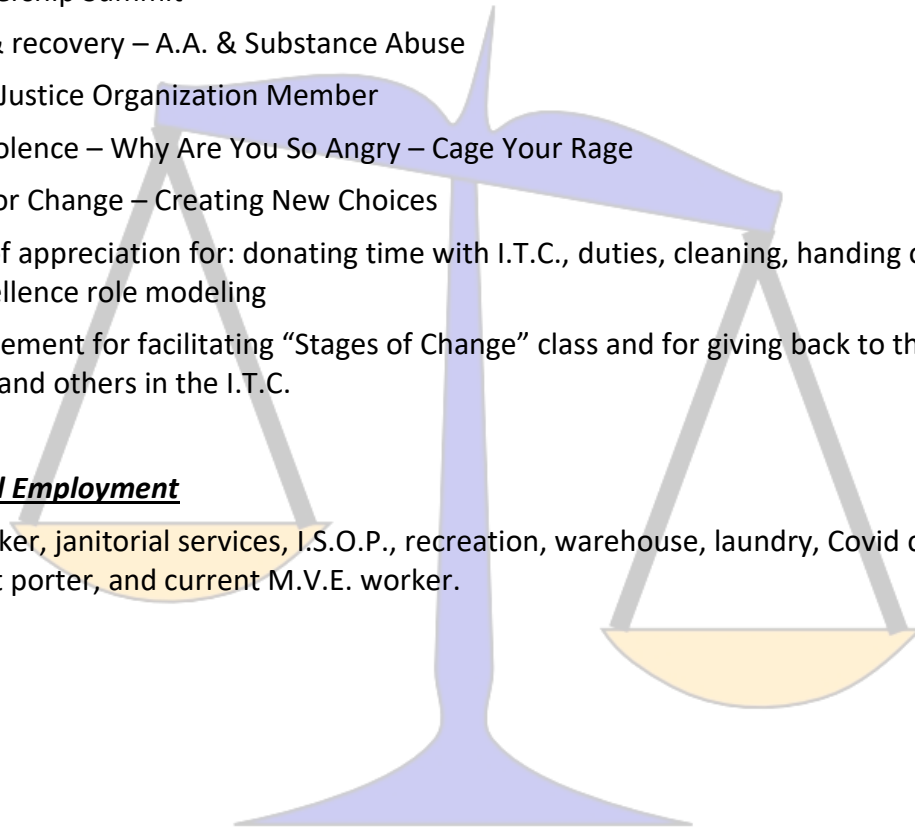
Advanced Anger Management – Violence Modules

Complete Breakdown of Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change
Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) Twice in the I.T.C.
Relapse Prevention 1& 2 – Advance Criminality
Good Intentions and Bad Choices – Fear the Anger Trigger
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Marijuana & recovery – A.A. & Substance Abuse
Restorative Justice Organization Member
Voices of Violence – Why Are You So Angry – Cage Your Rage
Resources for Change – Creating New Choices
Certificate of appreciation for: donating time with I.T.C., duties, cleaning, handing out laundry and for excellence role modeling
Acknowledgement for facilitating “Stages of Change” class and for giving back to the community and others in the I.T.C.

Institutional Employment

Kitchen worker, janitorial services, I.S.O.P., recreation, warehouse, laundry, Covid cleaner, housing unit porter, and current M.V.E. worker.





Carols D. Wade 525789
DOB: 10/20/1977
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 9/17/1995
Conviction Date: 11/22/1996
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is Carlos Wade:

I bring you my story because no one should have to endure the nightmarish situation that took my freedom away. I have been incarcerated for twenty-five years for a murder I have no knowledge of and the fight to prove my innocence has been a difficult one. Being a juvenile lifer, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that mandatory life without parole sentences for a person under the age of eighteen violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. But my consecutive sentences are preventing me from a meaningful chance at parole. My refusal to give up and to stay free from the childish thinking I once operated from is motivated by the strong mentality and desire I carry to help others. I am a forty-three years old man that is no longer a child that operates out of fear, shame, or pressure from my peers. My plans moving forward are to continue to give back through positive behavioral influence, to be paroled, and to be an asset to society. The man I am today is a proud father and grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren, and still in search of justice and a second chance.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 25 years of incarceration.

With over 40 certifications listed are the more important accomplishments

Education: Hi-Set & Honor Roll

I.T.C. Graduate, Current Elder

Criminality – Substance Abuse Education Treatment – Anger Management

Advanced Anger Management – Mastery Over Anger

Complete Breakdown of Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps – Violence Modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change

Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) Twice in the I.T.C.

I.C.V.C Facilitator in the I.T.C. & I.C.V.C. In general population

Relapse Prevention 1& 2 – Advance Criminality

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Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy – Inside Out Dad Program

CDL Course

Feed My Starving Children

Global Leadership Summit

Story Link – Story telling to young family members

Marijuana & recovery – A.A. & Substance Abuse

Restorative Justice Organization Member – Mental Health Training

Transition Training & Criminal Thinking

Voices of Violence – Why Are You So Angry – Cage Your Rage

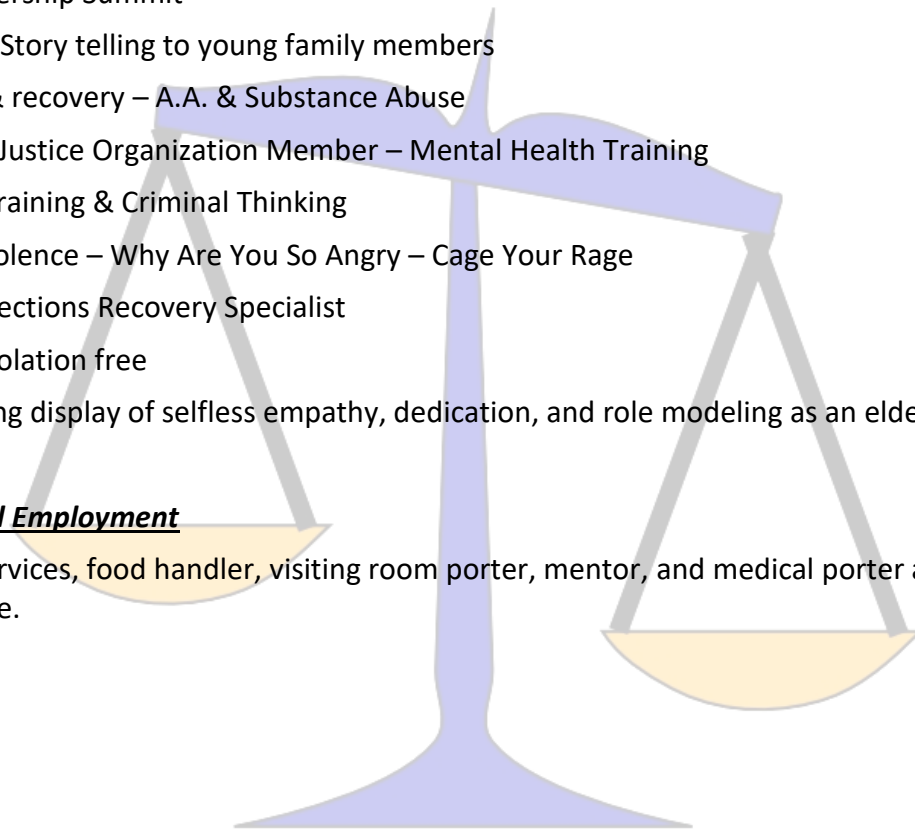
Peer in Corrections Recovery Specialist

Ten years violation free

Long standing display of selfless empathy, dedication, and role modeling as an elder in the I.T.C.

Institutional Employment

Janitorial services, food handler, visiting room porter, mentor, and medical porter and building maintenance.





James Williams 354252
DOB: 9/20/1979
Crime: First Degree Murder
Date of Crime: 12/28/1998
Conviction Date: 4/06/2000
Sentence: Life Without Parole

Who is James Williams:

A child of God and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. I took up my cross in 2013 and entered the recovery program called I.T.C. I am a man who became a student to his mentors then became a role model, mentor, and facilitator to anyone with a desire to change. I'm a person who has self-corrected with acceptance and accountability to consider the rights of others. Once upon a time a boy, who matured into a man...A man who would appreciate a second chance at life in society to be a human being. A man who will be returning to his family as a son, father, grandfather, brother and uncle as an asset and productive member of society....to be a difference maker in America. "He looked down from his holy heights, the Lord gazed from heave to earth to hear a prison's groaning, to set free those condemned to die." Psalms 102:19-20. We all pray for this second chance....thank you.

Rehabilitative accomplishments & employment during the past 22 years of incarceration

Education: Hi-Set

I.T.C. Graduate & current facilitator & five years recovery in the I.T.C.

Criminality – Substance Abuse Education Treatment – Anger Management

Complete Breakdown of Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps – Violence Modules

Abused Boys Wounded Men – Commitment to Change

Impact of Crime on Victims Class (I.C.V.C.) – Relapse Prevention 1 & 2

I.C.V.C Facilitator training and facilitator

Advanced Criminality – Mastery Over Anger

Good Intentions and Bad Choices – Fear the Anger Trigger

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Accepting Responsibility in a Finger Pointing World – Beat the Streets

Breaking the Chains of Addiction – Maintenance Steps

Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy - Inside Out Dad Program

Global Leadership Summit – Feed My Starving Children

A.A. & Substance Abuse

Conquering Co-Dependency – Transition Training Student & Facilitator

Assertiveness Individualism & Autonomy

Men’s Fraternity – Mental Health First Aid USA

Peer in Corrections Recovery Specialist Training

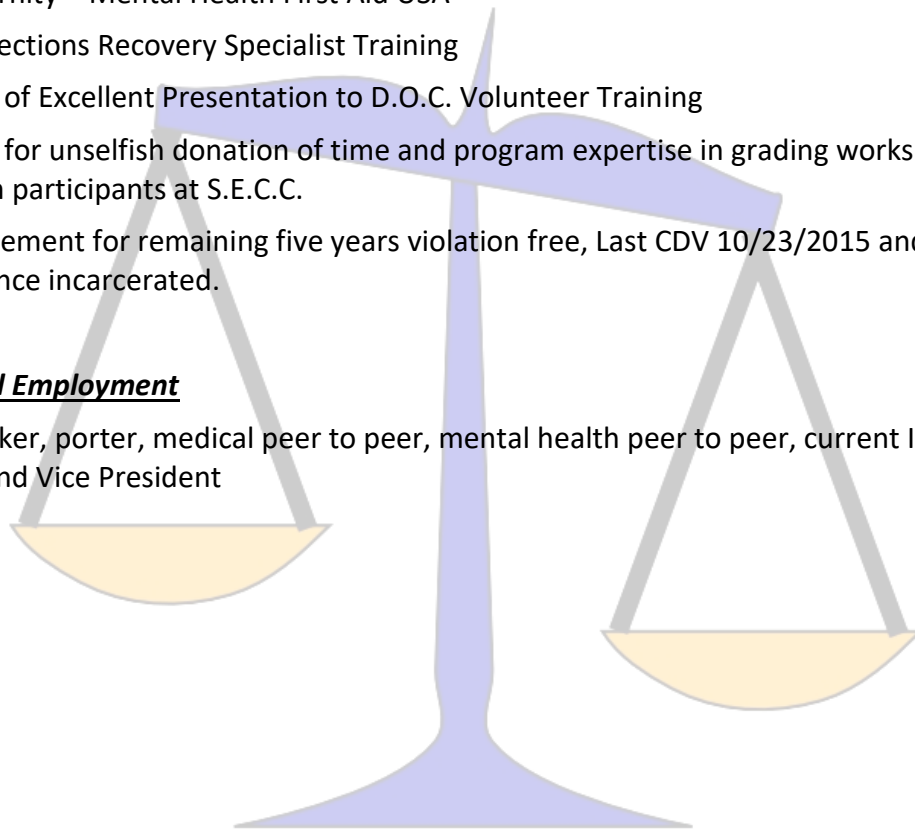
Recognition of Excellent Presentation to D.O.C. Volunteer Training

Recognition for unselfish donation of time and program expertise in grading worksheets of rad-seg program participants at S.E.C.C.

Acknowledgement for remaining five years violation free, Last CDV 10/23/2015 and no major violations since incarcerated.

Institutional Employment

Kitchen worker, porter, medical peer to peer, mental health peer to peer, current I.T.C. Facilitator and Vice President



Reformed Men Sentenced to Life Without Parole Seek a Second Chance

When the United States Supreme Court in *Miller v. Alabama* 567 U.S. 460 in 2012 invalidated mandatory life without parole sentences for juveniles, the court specifically explained states must provide some meaningful opportunity for release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation. The guys here were juveniles and young men when they were sentenced to life without parole. They have spent decades in prison and after years of programming, rehabilitation, increased maturity, and subsequent growth, they're no longer a threat to themselves or others, and respectfully requested any and all support in convincing the Missouri Legislature to amend state law to permit anyone sentenced to life without parole a second chance.

Violence is a young man's game. In the modern era, the likelihood of involvement in homicide, for instance, peaks in the mid-twenties and then declines dramatically. According to the Federal Bureau of Statistics in 2020 – 93% of participants in a homicide were under the age of thirty-five and 96% were under the age of forty-five. The men in this article were at the ages of 15, 17, 18, 19, 26, 32, & 34 when their crimes occurred and the majority of them now are above the age of forty-three. People age out of violent crimes and older offenders are less likely to return to prison upon release. Poor choices are poor choices. People that make poor choices are still people. Life is about learning and growing from each experience and decisions we ever made, otherwise humans would not have made it any further than Adam and Eve. Locking people up and subjecting rehabilitative men to prison for the duration of their lives is not necessary in the betterment of society.

Everyone in this article is a graduate, current elder and/or facilitator in the I.T.C. (Intensive Therapeutic Community) at the Southeast Correctional Center, and 87% of all graduates of the I.T.C. program that get out of prison do not come back. This is a statistic compiled by Southeast Missouri State University. They have gone through the most intensive therapeutic and rehabilitative process the Missouri Department of Corrections has to offer, and all of them are adult enough, mature enough, and responsible enough to not take this second chance for granted and to become and remain productive members of society. These individuals will not only be assets to the community but the world as well. This is not a comprehensive list of all the people that qualify for the conditions that we're asking you to consider. In this initial step we're hoping to open your eyes to see that there is a larger group of offenders, both men and women that qualify to meet the qualifications in the recent efforts to reduce prison population.

All men featured in this newsletter currently reside at the Southeast Correctional Center

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