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Prison Letter Writing Guide & Directory



CHANGE IS COMING.

What To Write

The biggest hurdle to beginning a pen pal relationship is getting started. A suggestion for a first letter might include an introduction along with a short bio, an explanation of how you came to hear about your pen pal, hobbies, pets, music, activism, etc. Let them know that cannabis justice activists like yourself are fighting for their freedom! Don't forget, the prison mail system can be slow. Sometimes it can take several weeks to get a response.

Mailing Instructions

- Plain White envelopes only
- No stamps (other than postage stamp on envelope), stickers, tape, glue, glitter, staples, paper clips, fragrances, crayon, ribbon, etc. on the envelope or letter
- No Popup/out content
- No address labels
- All ingoing and outgoing mail is subject to inspection. Never include anything you wouldn't want staff to read
- No drawings or markings that can be misconstrued as secret code or inappropriate content etc.
- Please realize that even if you do everything correctly mail can be returned.

Addressing The Envelope

Always include your pen pal's full name, six-digit prison ID#, institution name, address, and your full name and return address.

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Corvain Cooper

Address

Corvain Cooper
#64301-112
USP Pollock
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 2099
Pollock, LA 71467

About Corvain

Corvain was arrested for what would now be classified as a misdemeanor in his home state of California. He was sentenced to life in prison under a harsh three strikes law. After the US Supreme Court denied Corvain's appeal, Corvain still hopes for executive clemency. While in prison he advocates for criminal justice reform and sits on the board of the Last Prisoner Project.

John Knock

Address

John Knock #11150-017
FCI FAIRTON
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 420
FAIRTON, NJ 08320

About John

John was convicted for importing cannabis in the 70's and 80's. The sentencing judge even admitted the crimes he was arrested for were victimless. John has served twenty three years of a life sentence and continues to seek clemency.



Way Quoe Long

Address

Way Quoe Long
#00047-111
FCI VICTORVILLE MEDIUM II
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
PO BOX 3850
ADELANTO, CA 92301

About Way

Way holds the distinction of receiving one of the harshest sentences for marijuana ever handed down by the Ninth Circuit. He was charged with conspiracy to manufacture marijuana and is serving a de facto life sentence for a nonviolent, marijuana-only offense. Way spends his time in prison performing and writing music.





Michael Thompson

Address

Michael Thompson
#176309
Muskegon Correctional
Facility
2400 S. Sheridan Drive
Muskegon, MI 49442-6298

About Michael

Michael Thompson is serving a de facto life sentence in the now legalized state of Michigan for selling 3 pounds of marijuana to a police informant. During the 25 years he has spent imprisoned, his father, mother, and his only son have died. His mother's final wish was that Thompson wouldn't die in prison. He continues to fight for clemency from the Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

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Chad Nutsch

Address

Chad Nutsch
#64543-056
FCI BUTNER MEDIUM I
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 1000
BUTNER, NC 27509

About Chad

Chad Nutsch is currently serving a two-year sentence for selling marijuana between the ages of 19-21. In the intervening years he had established himself as a successful entrepreneur but in September was sent to federal prison in North Carolina. Chad now works to raise awareness and fight for legal cannabis reform from prison.



Richard DeLisi

Address

Richard DeLisi
#087624
South Bay Correctional Facility
600 U.S. Highway 27 South
South Bay, FL 33493-2233

About Richard

In December 1989, Richard DeLisi was sentenced to a total of 98 years in prison for trafficking cannabis. Richard was charged and sentenced in Florida, where now two-thirds of residents believe adult-use marijuana should be legalized. He has spent half of his life in prison for a nonviolent cannabis charge. Richard is scheduled for release in 2023, when he will be 74.

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Michael Pelletier

Address

Michael Pelletier
#11109-036
USP Terre Haute
U.S. Penitentiary
P.O. Box 33
Terre Haute, IN 47808

About Michael

After losing the ability to use his legs at a young age, Michael discovered the therapeutic benefits of cannabis. He was arrested for importing marijuana from Canada to the US and because of two prior marijuana charges, received life in prison without parole. While continuing to fight for his freedom through clemency petitions, Michael is also a self-taught artist.

Hector McGurk

Address

HECTOR MCGURK
#25843-180
FCI Victorville Medium 1
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 3732
Adelanto, CA92301

About Hector

Hector Ruben McGurk is a nonviolent marijuana offender who is serving a sentence of life without parole. Ruben will die in federal prison for a nonviolent marijuana offense if he does not receive a commutation. When Hector was tried for this offense the first jury was not able to find him guilty and the trial ended with a hung jury. Federal prosecutors tried him a second time and he was convicted of this marijuana offense and was given a life sentence.



Isamael Lira

Address

Ismael Lira
#45946-180
USP Terre Haute
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 33
Terre Haute, IN 47808

About Isamael

Ismael was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for intent to distribute marijuana. Ismael has served 15 years, and while incarcerated has taken a number of vocational training courses. Despite strong family support and a job awaiting him upon release, his clemency petition was denied in 2017. He continues to hope for executive clemency.



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Ferrell Scott

Address

Ferrell Scott
#27797-177
USP ALLENWOOD
U.S. PENITENTIARY
P.O. BOX 3000
WHITE DEER, PA 17887

About Ferrell

Ferrell is serving a life sentence for transporting marijuana. His mandatory life sentence is not because he has a dangerous or violent past, but because he declined a 12-year plea deal, thinking that was an excessive sentence for marijuana. His only other convictions were for small time drugs, misdemeanors and driving infractions.

James Romans

Address

James Romans
#10195-028
FMC LEXINGTON
FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTER
P.O. BOX 14500
LEXINGTON, KY 40512

About James

In February 2013 James (Jimmy) was convicted of a nonviolent marijuana conspiracy charge and sentenced to life in federal prison. Jimmy continues to fight for clemency so that he can be reunited with his family in Indiana.



Anthony Kelly

Address

Anthony Kelly
#324966
Louisiana State Penitentiary
General Delivery
17544 Tunica Trace
Angola, LA 70712

About Anthony

Anthony Kelly, 46, has served 20 years for his alleged involvement in a sale of barely an ounce of cannabis. Due to two prior possession charges, under Louisiana's harsh three strikes law Anthony is serving life without the possibility of parole. When Anthony was arrested, his girlfriend was pregnant with his first child, she is now 20 years old. Anthony fights for clemency so that he can be reunited with his family.





Rafael Hernandez

Address

Rafael Hernandez #67485-061
USP Atwater
US Penitentiary
P.O. Boc 019001
Atwater, CA 95301

About Rafael

At the age of 31, Rafael Hernandez was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for his involvement in cannabis distribution. On Jan. 6 2017 Rafael's petition for commutation was denied by President Obama. Rafael, now 40, continues to fight for executive clemency.



Cornell Hood

Address

Cornell Hood #492882
Dorm H
Dixon Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 788
Jackson, LA 70748

About Cornell

In 2011, at age 35, Cornell was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole after his fourth marijuana related conviction under Louisiana's harsh repeat-offender law. Cornell is a father and has never been convicted of a violent offense. His lawyer was able to reduce his sentence to 25 years with the possibility of parole after arguing that the original sentence was unconstitutional and excessive.

Pedro Moreno

Address

Pedro Moreno
#71498-079
USP Atwater
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 019001
Atwater, CA 95301

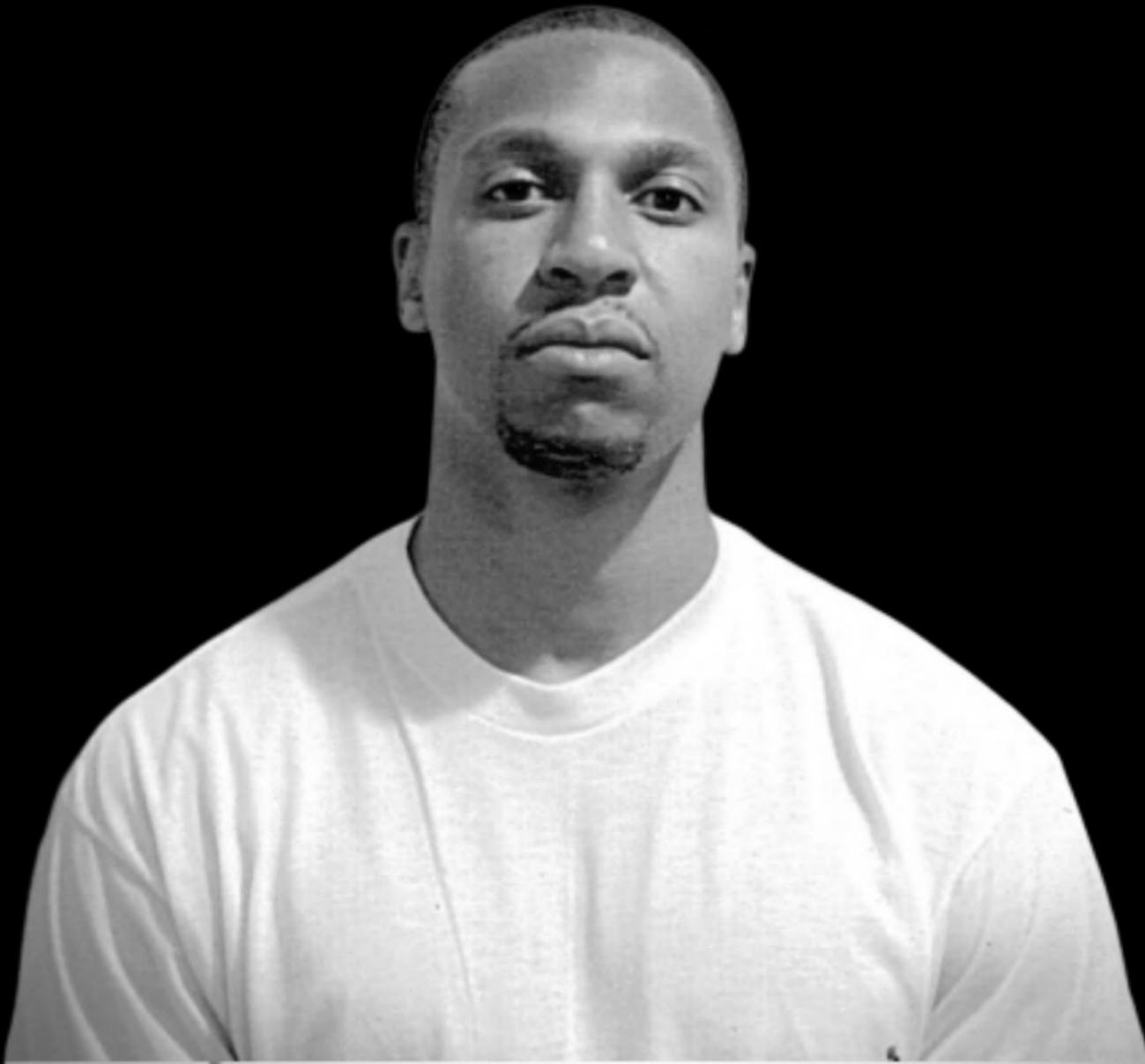
About Pedro

Pedro is a 58 year old father and grandfather who has been incarcerated for over 21 years. He is serving a life sentence without parole for a first time nonviolent marijuana offense. Pedro is fighting for executive clemency so that he can be reunited with his family.



Parker Coleman

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Address

Parker Coleman
#26110-058
USP Beaumont
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 26030
Beaumont, TX
77720

About Parker

Like many people serving egregiously long sentences for marijuana, Parker Coleman is the victim of America's conspiracy laws, where it takes no actual evidence to get a conviction, just the testimony of others who are "cooperating" in order to avoid prison time. Parker himself was never caught with any marijuana. In the entire case, only one person got caught with 26 pounds of weed and that one person was not even on Coleman's 21 person indictment. Out of those 21 people, Parker was only acquainted with 2 of them. At trial, no witnesses testified they had ever bought marijuana from Coleman. There was no violence involved in this case, although the police recovered 3 licensed guns from others in the case (who had concealed weapons permits). The guns did not belong to Coleman and he even passed a DNA test (with a 99% negative result) to prove that. Like others who take their cases to trial, as opposed to "cooperating" and testifying against others, Parker Coleman ended up with an extremely long sentence. Unless he receives clemency, he will be in his 80s by the time he is released from prison.



Ricardo Riojas

Address

Ricardo Riojas
#71508-079
FCI BEAUMONT MEDIUM
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 26040
BEAUMONT, TX 77720

About Ricardo

Ricardo is 75 and has spent the past 23 years of his life in a federal prison. He was given a life sentence without the possibility of parole for a marijuana-only drug conspiracy case. He hopes for a grant of clemency so he can be reunited with his family.

Jeremy Grove

Address

Jeremy Grove #32201-171
FCI Edgefield
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 725
Edgefield, SC 29824

About Jeremy

Earlier this year Jeremy David Grove was sent to federal prison for five years for distributing marijuana. While a billion dollar legal industry continues to expand across the US, Jeremy was ripped away from his family, including his 4 year old daughter. After using cannabis to overcome opioid addiction, Jeremy writes "I have used cannabis to treat my pain and I believe that one day people will use cannabis nationwide to overcome addiction, treat pain, and deal with mental health problems without needing prescription medications. I sold it because I believed in it and I still do."





Edwin Rubis

Address

Edwin Rubis
Reg. No. 79282-079
FCI-Talladega
PMB 1000
Talladega, AL 35160

About Edwin

Edwin Rubis is a life coach, mentor, and writer. He was born in El Salvador, and raised in the United States, since the age of 11. He is bilingual. He is currently serving a 40 year sentence in federal prison for a nonviolent marijuana offense. While there, he is pursuing (through correspondence) a Masters Degree in Christian Counseling and Therapist Certification from The Christian Bible College and Seminary - Blue Springs, Missouri. He is a devoted advocate for non violence and rehabilitation.



Andy Cox

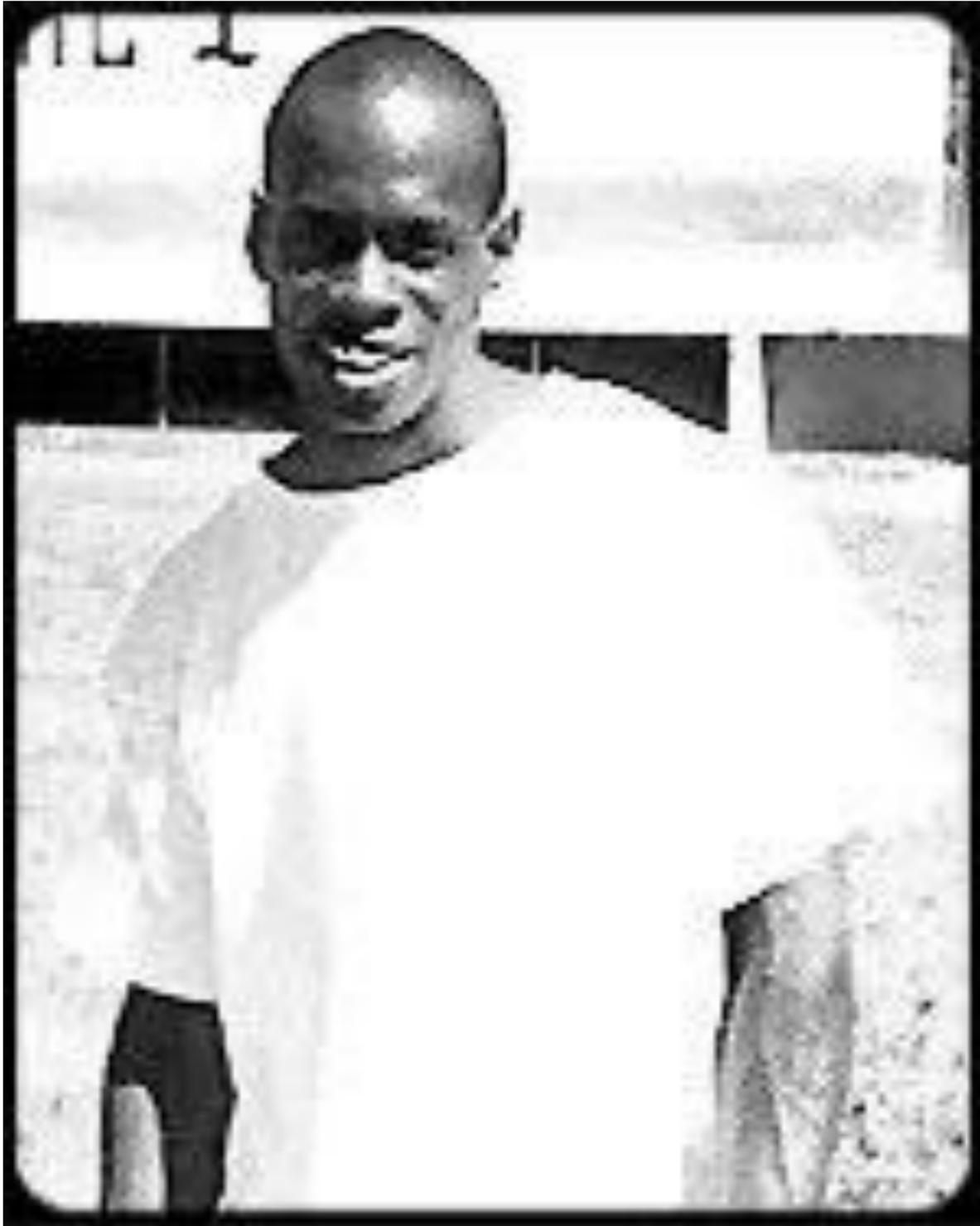
Address

Andy Cox
#89487
USP Big Sandy
US Penitentiary
P.O. Box 2068
Inez, KY 41224

About Andy

Andy was a firefighter who was indicted for growing marijuana in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Andy and three others were charged with conspiracy to manufacture marijuana in northern Georgia in the spring of 2005. Andy's three co-defendants received two, three and five years for the offense. They all accepted pleas and were available to testify at Andy's trial. Andy was sentenced to life without parole.

Terrance Mosley



Address

Terrance Mosley
#364080
Louisiana State Penitentiary
Main Prison-Walnut 3
Angola, LA 70712

About Terrance

Terrance was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Calling his sentence "pure hell," he says that it is cruel and unusual punishment to think he will never be free before he dies. The father of five children says, "I'd like to have my freedom back and be the best in society possible and father for my children."

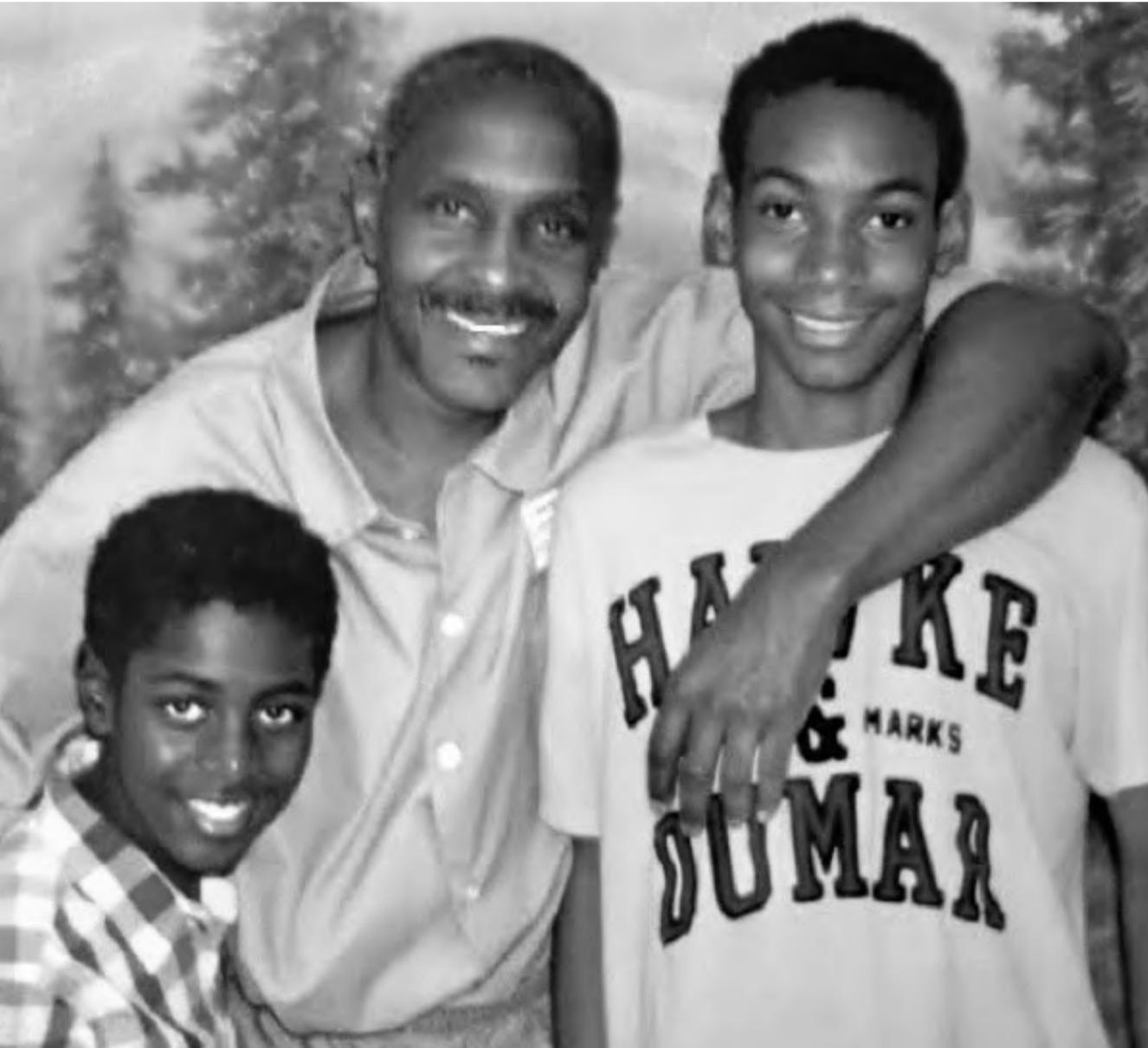
William Underwood

Address

William Underwood
#04849-016
FCI Fairton
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 420
Fairton, NJ 08320

About William

William (Bill) Underwood is a devoted father of four, grandfather of three and a former music industry executive who promoted, managed and jumpstarted the careers of top R&B and pop stars of the 80s. But in 1990, prosecutors, hoping to get a lengthy sentence during the War on Drugs era, pegged him as the leader of a drug conspiracy and was sentenced to 3 mandatory minimum sentences of 20 years on drug conspiracy charges, plus a 4th charge -- a life sentence without the possibility of parole. An aging 65-year old model prisoner, father and grandfather, he continues to fight for executive clemency.



Donte Westmoreland

Address

Donte Westmoreland
KDOC# 0116450
Lansing Correctional Facility
301 E. Kasas Ave.
Lansing, KS 66043

About Donte

Donte Westmoreland, 25, had no prior convictions when he was found guilty of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and conspiracy to distribute in May 2017 in Riley County. Judge John Bosch sentenced him to 92 months.

“I felt shocked. I felt like I wasn’t being treated equal in the courtroom,” Westmoreland said during a phone call from Lansing Correctional Facility, where he recently recovered from COVID-19. “Why take eight years from me?”



Sean Worsley

Address

Sean Worsley (must be pre stamped)
Pickens County Jail
P.O. Box 226
Carrollton Alabama 35447

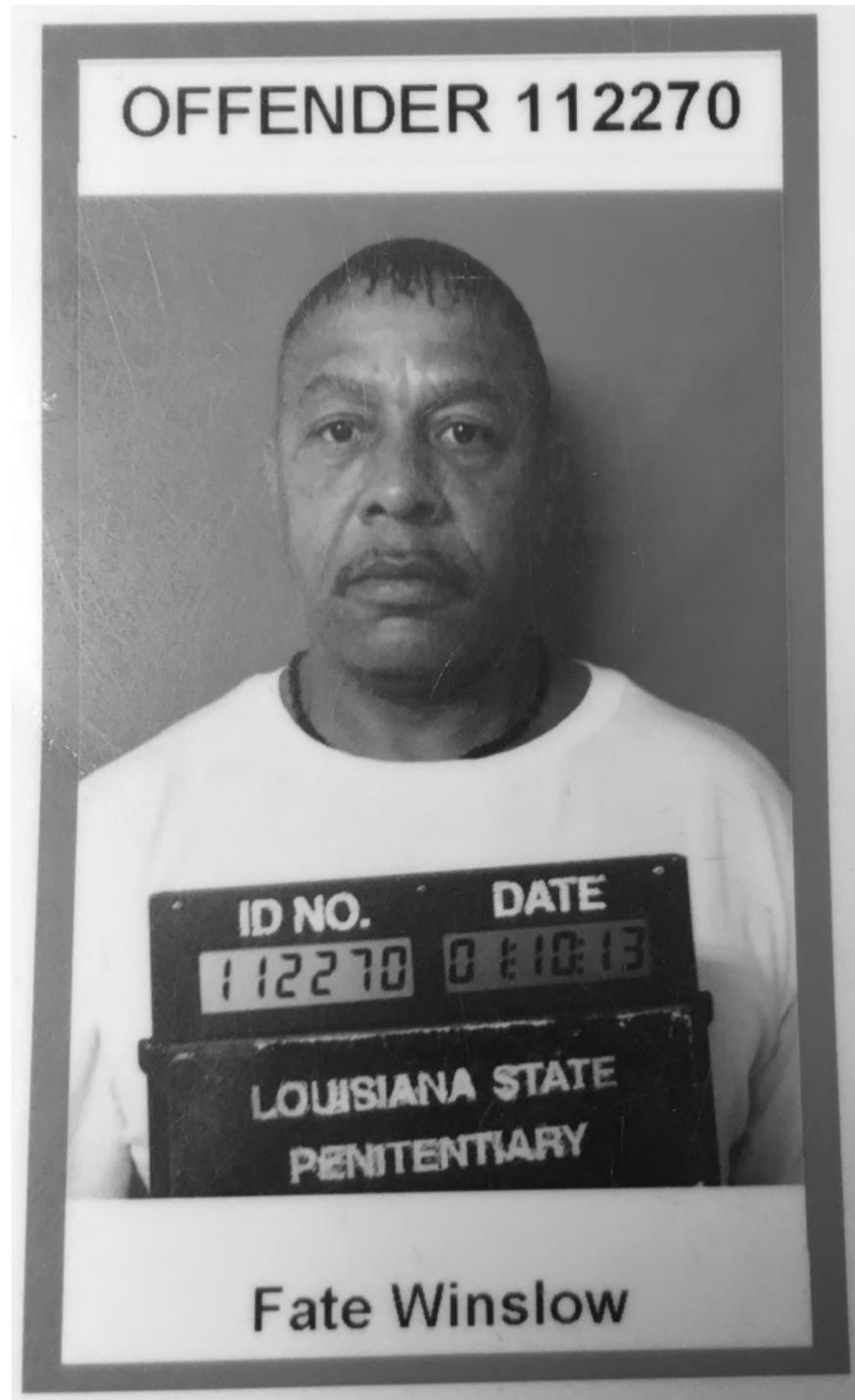
About Sean

In August 2016, a disabled Black veteran named Sean Worsley brought his legally prescribed medical marijuana with him on a road trip from Arizona to North Carolina. On his way through Alabama, Worsley, who earned a Purple Heart in connection with injuries sustained during his 15 months disabling bombs and retrieving the body parts of dead comrades as a Combat Engineer in Iraq, stopped for gas. He played air guitar and clowned around to entertain his wife while waiting for the tank to fill. Worsley's playful behavior and the music the couple was playing caught the attention of a police officer who approached and asked to search the vehicle. The couple agreed, even volunteering that he would find Worsley's medical marijuana and attempting to show him Worsley's medical marijuana card.

The officer found roughly a third of an ounce of marijuana and arrested both of them. Convinced that the grinder and digital scale Worsley had with him to measure out his doses was evidence that he was a drug dealer, he charged Worsley with possession "for other than personal use," a felony in Alabama. Worsley, who due to his combat injuries is considered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs to be 100 percent disabled and in need of "maximal assistance" with basic day-to-day activities, pleaded guilty a year later. He was sentenced to five years' probation and permitted to serve that sentence in Arizona, where he had lived at the time of the arrest.



Fate Winslow



Address

Fate Winslow
#112270
Camp D Fal 1 Bed 52
Louisiana State Penitentiary
Angola, LA 70712

About Fate

Fate Vincent Winslow was arrested in the Fall of 2008 for making \$5 commission for delivering \$20 worth of weed. The man he was delivering weed to was an undercover cop and when asked why Fate Vincent Winslow agreed to deliver \$20 worth of weed he said because he wanted to use the \$5 commission to buy food.

Three months later, Winslow was found guilty of selling a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance. Another three months and the sentence lands: life imprisonment at hard labor with no chance for parole. Winslow will now die in prison for being tricked into selling \$20.00 worth of weed to a plainclothed undercover cop in Louisiana, the world's prison capital.

Joseph Agrillio

Address

Joseph Agrillio
KDOC# 0121029
Hutchinson CF Central
P.O. Box 1568
Hutchinson, KS 67504-1568

About Joseph

Joseph Agrillo is currently serving a 54 month prison sentence plus 36 month (3 year) post-release sentence for the victimless offense of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Joseph was a medical patient in California, but was arrested in Kansas where he moved to spend more time with his son. Not only has the criminal legal system adversely affected Joseph's life, but it has also impacted the lives of his family members. Joseph's incarceration has left his son without a father. While he's been incarcerated he also missed the birth of his nephew.

Joseph loves gardening and owned a small farm and donated produce to local food banks. He enjoyed teaching his son and other children the value of growing their own food and knowing where it comes from. Joseph is hoping his story and disproportionate sentence can be used to show the need for broad cannabis criminal justice reform.



Rudi Gammo

Address

Rudi Gammo
MDOC#312403
Gus Harrison Correctional Facility
2727 E. Beecher St.
Adrian, MI 49221

About Rudi

Rudi Gammo, a husband and father of three young children — was sentenced to five years in prison in 2018 after opening a city-sanctioned medical cannabis dispensary in Detroit. Gammo was accused of running a "criminal enterprise" because he allowed people to grow marijuana out of homes he owned in Oakland County for the dispensary. He was doing nothing different than dozens of other dispensaries, but Oakland County law enforcement has been notoriously anti-marijuana since Michigan legalized medicinal marijuana in 2008.

