

Enemy of the State



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For years I have lived in a cell - 8x5 with a stainless steel toilet, sink and iron rack for a 2 inch mat - the size of the average bathroom. I get a 5 minute shower every other day. Two or three times a week, I get up at 6 a.m., I am fitted in handcuffs, a belly chain and leg shackles then I am escorted to an area with multiple cages, - reminiscent of a dog kennel- where I'm locked inside of a 6x6 cage and I shuffle back and forth in my chains for 45 minutes. (This is my exercise time) Then, I'm escorted back to my 8x5 hell hole, where I will spend the next 23 hours and 15 minutes. But, most days, due to the chronic shortage of staff I spend 24 hours in my 8x5. I am allowed 1 religious book and 1 self-help book, 1 ink pen, a writing tablet, and stationary. I am afforded 2 t-shirts, 2 pairs of boxer shorts, 2 sets of state issued shirts and pants.

Since 2012, I spent a total of 16 months in General Population, with the other 80 months in various 8x5's throughout the State of Alabama. What's the reason? What's the purpose? What's the objective? What's the goal?

The common myth is that Solitary Confinement is used to ensure the safety of staff and inmates by segregating those that commit acts of violence or pose a threat to others, from the general populace. However this is only a half truth, as the main use of solitary confinement is to "break" those the Administration deems "too influential" or "too outspoken." Or, as in my case, one who is "too smart for his own good." Contrary to the myth, I have not committed one act of violence towards anyone nor posed a threat towards anyone. Yet, I've spent over half of a decade in Solitary Confinement and only been allowed to see my family 3 times since 2012. Why such treatment? Fear! What's the purpose and objective? To silence and Break!

Let me give some clarification to those statements:

In 2012 I witnessed a Sgt kick and hit an inmate, on the ground, with a trash can. I then approached the Sgt and expressed my intent to file a lawsuit on behalf of the inmate. For this act I was accused of threatening the Sgt and placed in Solitary Confinement for 7 months, then transferred. Upon being released to population in 2013, I began Educating and Organizing prisoners to challenge the inhumane living conditions and abuse of Human Rights under the banner of the Free Alabama Movement. As a result, thousands of prisoners in multiple prisons

throughout the state, staged a 21 day work strike. I was charged with orchestrating the work strike, then deemed a “threat to the ADOC” and sentenced to Solitary Confinement indefinitely. I spent the next 5 years on a 8x5.

After being transferred from one segregation unit to another throughout the state, in February of 2019, I was released to population for 21 days, then deemed “too influential” for population and placed back into solitary confinement. As a result of a 9 day Hunger Strike, I was transferred again and released to population. Under the banner of the Free Alabama Movement, I immediately began exposing the corruption and inhumanities taking place at Limestone C.F. After 6 months in population, I was once again placed in Solitary Confinement indefinitely. I have been informed that I’ll be released back to population when they “break me” or “drive me crazy.”

But, as I keep telling them, I don’t bend, fold, or break. I’m Kinetik, my mama didn’t raise no quitters. Still standing strong, I remain!