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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.

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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.

Ismael Lira

Address

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

About Ismael

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 BEAUMONT
U.S. PENITENTIARY
P.O. BOX 26030
BEAUMONT, TX 77720-6030

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

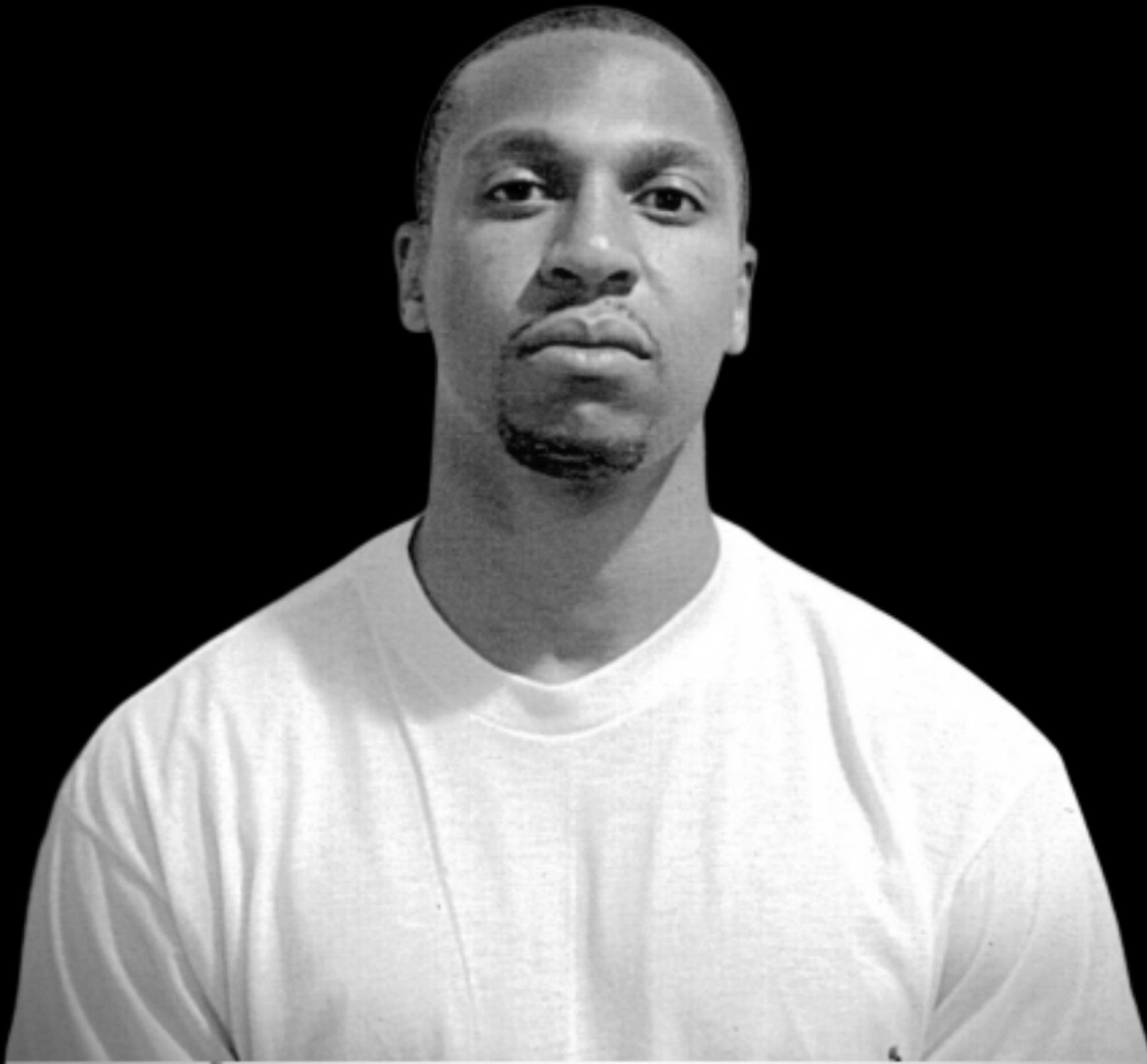
Address

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.





Parker Coleman

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.

Address

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



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.



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.

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.



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

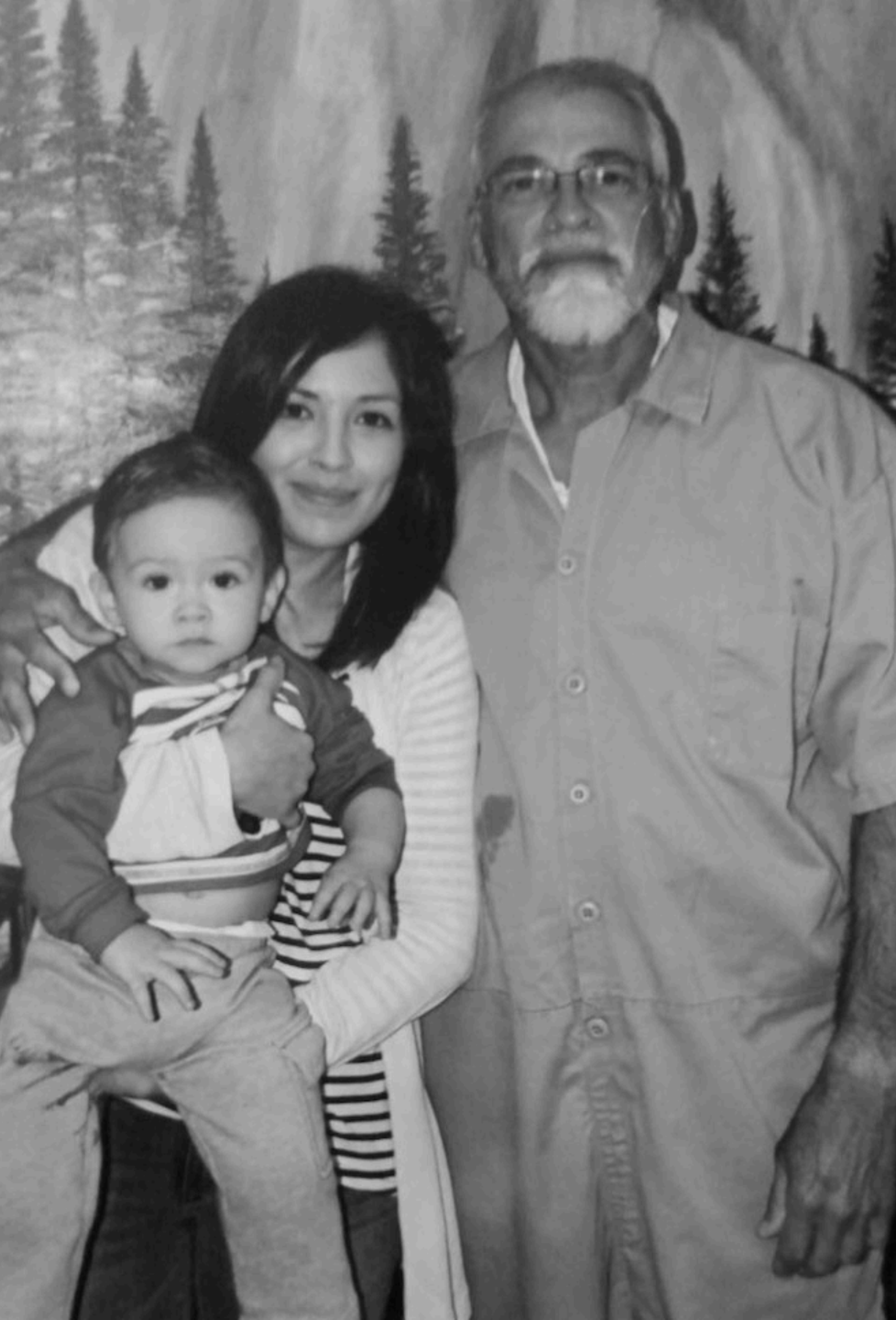
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Cornell Hood #492882
Dorm H
Dixon Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 788
Jackson, LA 70748

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.



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.

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."



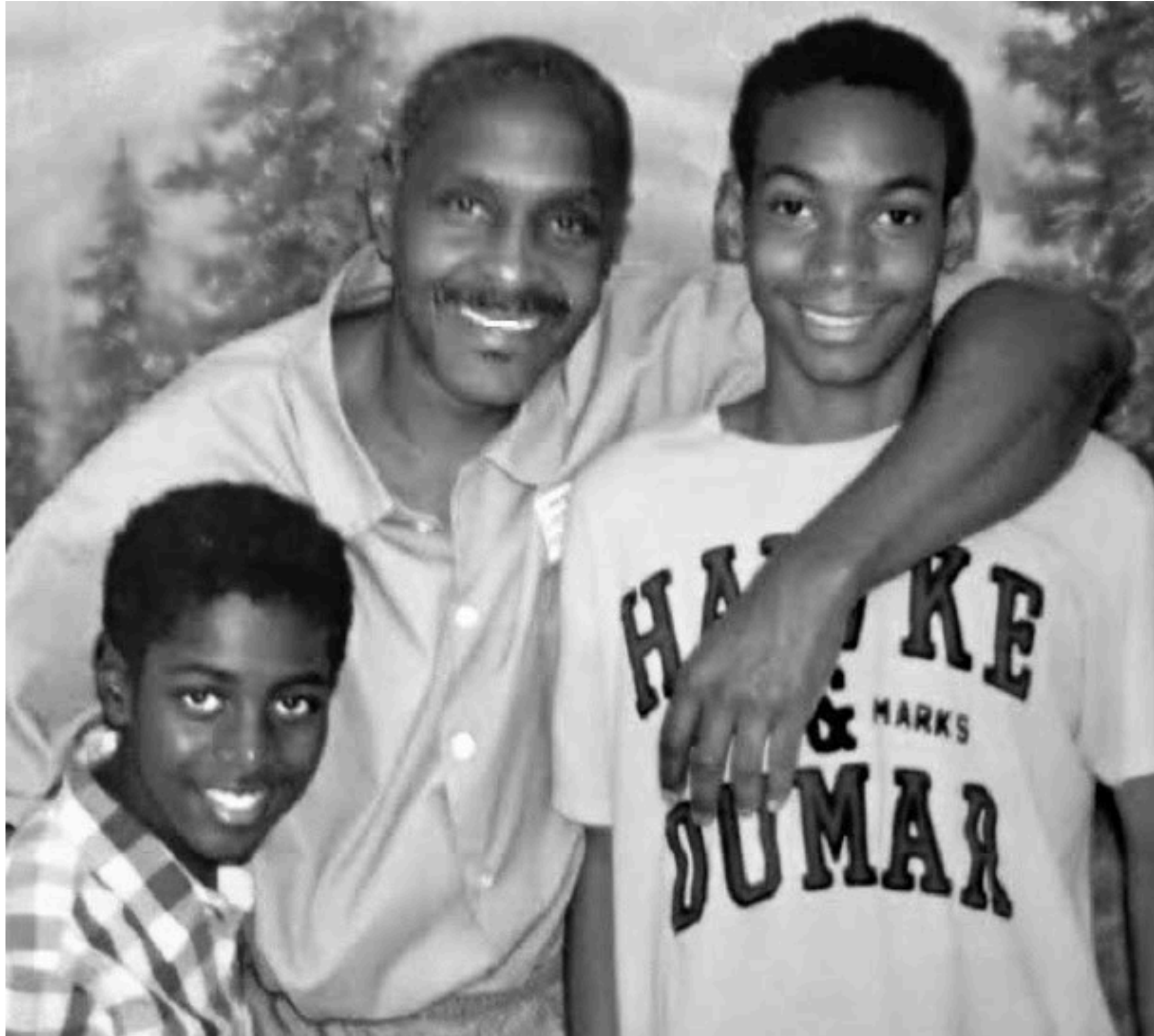
William Underwood

Address

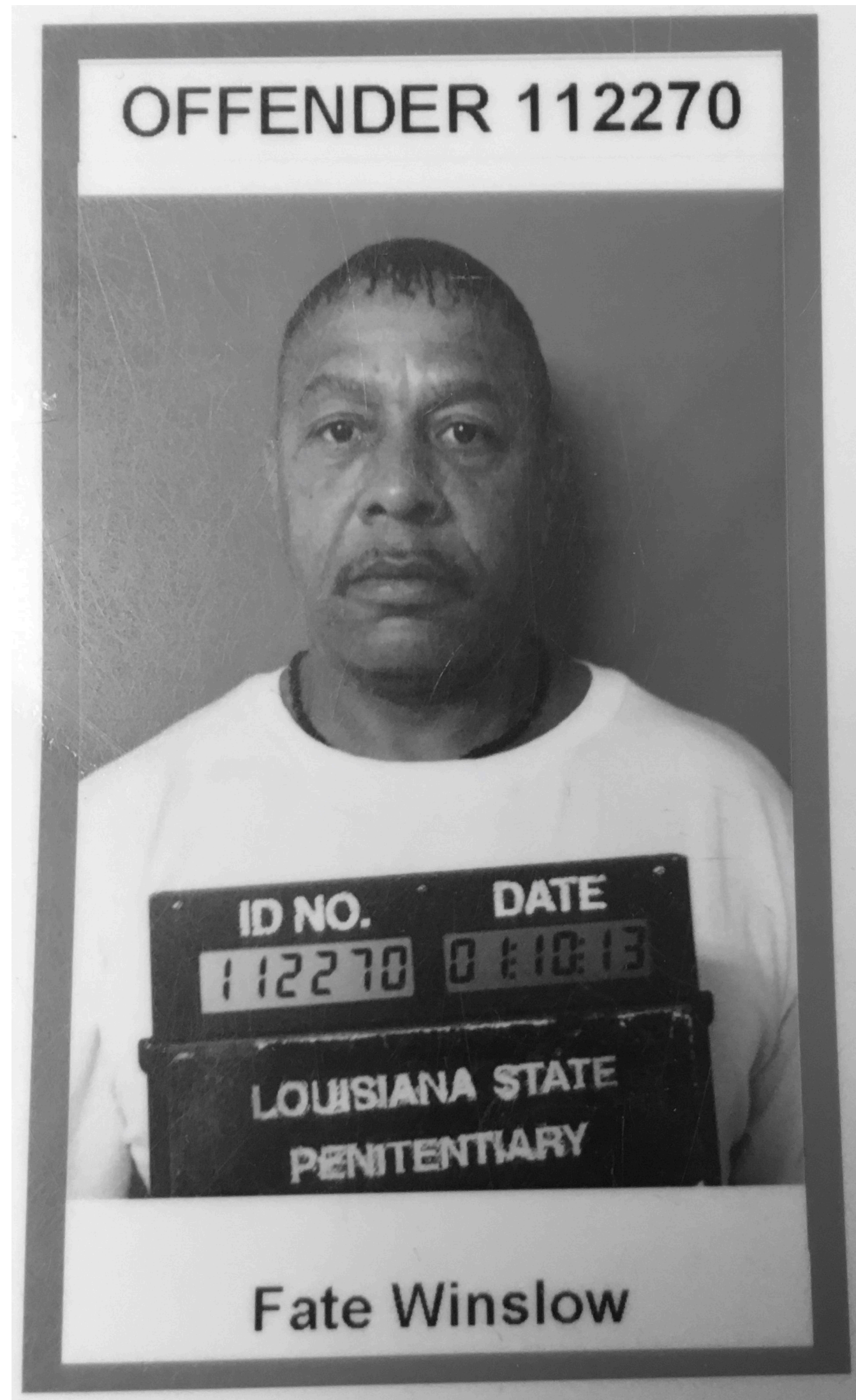
William Underwood
#04849-016
FCI Fairton
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 420
Fairton, NJ 08320

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.



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

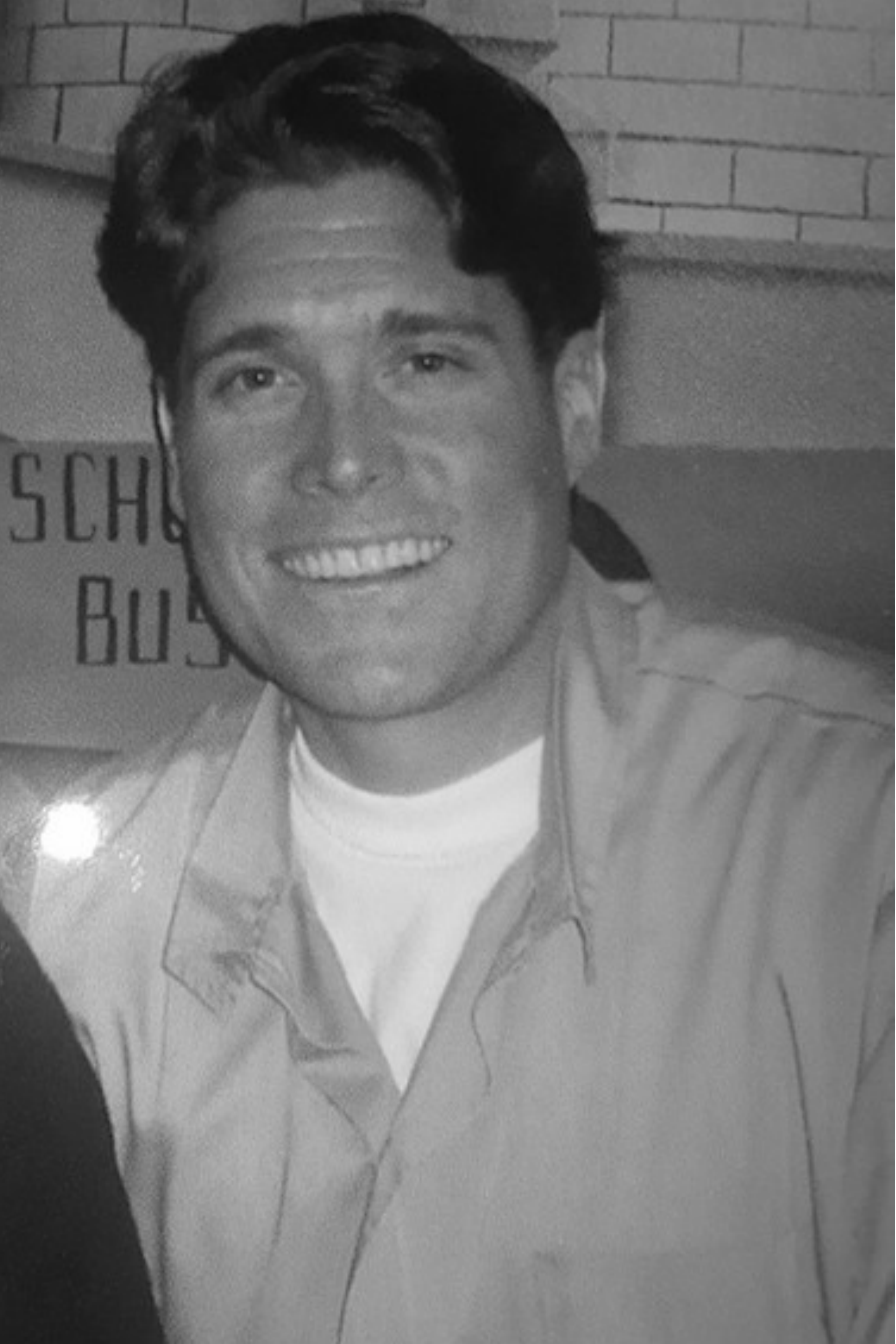


Address

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.



Gabriel David Gomez

Address

Gabriel David Gomez
#21786-051
Big Spring FCI
1900 Simler Ave
Big Spring, TX 79720

About Gabriel

Gabriel David Gomez is currently serving 30 years for cannabis conspiracy in Texas. After being sentenced in 2005, Gabriel went on to complete his GED that same year and has since completed 40+ educational courses, from Interview Skills to Advanced Accounting. At age 43, Gabriel hopes to be released to his family in New Mexico before his 60th birthday.

Trevor Kyle Saller



Address

Trevor Kyle Saller
DOC #1185401
Maryville Treatment Center
30227 US Highway 136
Maryville, MO 64468

About Trevor

Due to archaic mandatory minimum laws, Trevor is currently serving 13 years in a Missouri maximum security prison for possessing seven pounds of cannabis in 2011 at just 22 years old. In hopefully under two years he will be released to his loving family and friends.

Bryan Duane Reid



Address

Bryan Duane Reid
#1291432
Coffeewood Correctional Center
12352 Coffeewood Dr.
Mitchells, VA 22729

About Bryan

Bryan Duane Reid was sentenced to 12 years (with five years suspended) for cannabis distribution in VA despite pleas from his family and attorney to reduce the sentence to a 28 week drug treatment program. According to his sister, Bryan is “one of the nicest people you’ll ever meet,” the two hope to be reunited before the expected 2024 release date.

Audreanna Johnson



Address

Audreanna Johnson
#627205
Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility
3201 Bemis Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197-0911

About Audreanna

Audreanna Johnson was sentenced to a three year minimum sentence for several minor cannabis possession charges. After being sentenced in Michigan in June 2020, she will be eligible for release in 2023 with a maximum release date of 2035.

Mohamed Taher



Address

Mohamed Ahmed Taher
#11646-055
Allenwood Low FCI
2 US-15
Allenwood, PA 17810

About Mohamed

Mohamed Taher was sentenced to 25 years in prison for selling cannabis. As of 2020, he has served over 7 years despite the fact that he was operating in states that have completely legalized or decriminalized cannabis. He has four young children who haven't seen their father in two years and he wants to desperately be part of their lives.

Skyler Walker



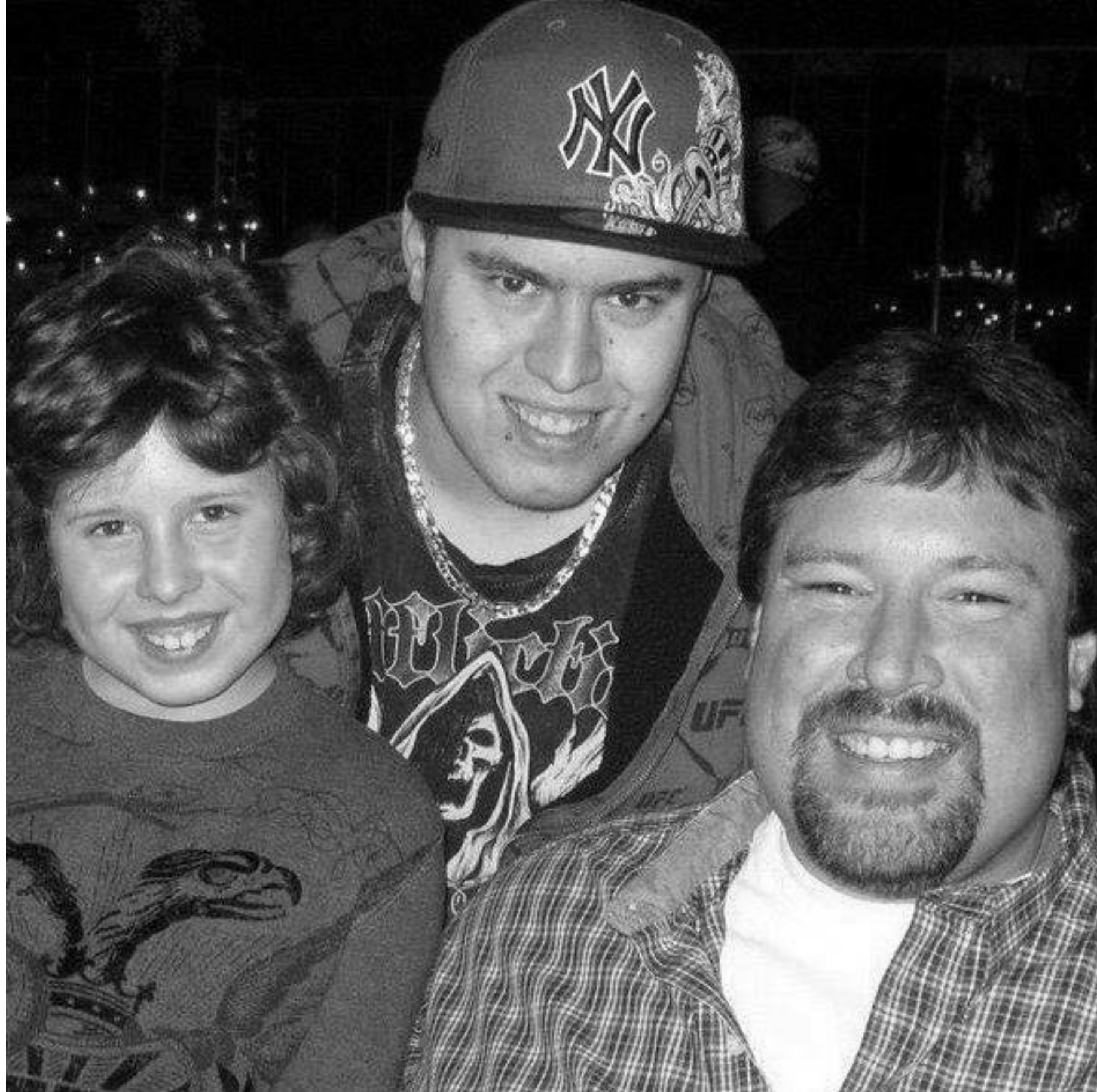
Address

Skyler Walker
#58247-177
Pensacola FPC
110 Raby Ave
Pensacola, FL 32509

About Skyler

Skyler Walker of Pharm Aide Pharms was sentenced to five years in prison for moving cannabis that was legally grown in California through Texas. His farm in Colorado, where the product he was arrested with did not come from, was raided and over one million dollars worth of legally grown, recreational marijuana was confiscated by the DEA.

Michael Woods



Address

Michael Woods
#13178-052
Hazelton USP
1640 Sky View Drive
Bruceston Mills, WV 26525

About Michael

Michael Woods is currently serving a life sentence with out parole for cannabis conspiracy as a Canadian citizen in the United States after being arrested in 2008. At 47 years-old and with no prior convictions, Michael hopes to be released and reunited with his family.


Alvi Ghaznavi

Address

Alvi Ghaznavi
SBI #000871269E
South Woods State Prison
215 S Burlington Road
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

About Alvi

Alvi Ghaznavi is currently serving a sentence of 3-10 years for operating a “controlled dangerous substance” (cannabis) facility in New Jersey. He is eligible for release by 2022 with hopes of being released sooner. Alvi suffers from a myriad of health issues including severe asthma and Chron’s disease and is only 27 years old.



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Juanita Kinsey

Address

Juanita Kinsey
DC# N10929
Gadsden County Correctional Facility
6044 Greensboro Highway
Quincy, Florida 32351-9100

About Juanita

Juanita Kinsey was arrested in Florida for conspiracy to traffic cannabis after local police received a tip which led to a raid of her mobile home. In 2019 at age 40, she was sentenced to to six years and continues to serve presently despite contracting COVID-19 in 2020.



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Pete Diamond Hirst

Address

Pete Diamond Hirst
#40585-018
Tuscon FCI
8901 S. Wilmot Road
Tuscon, AZ 85756

About Pete

Pete Diamond Hirst was sentenced to serve 30 years for cannabis conspiracy in the state of Virginia and is eligible for release in 2025. Despite applying for a Compassionate Release form amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, the warden denied his request and he continues to serve his sentence.



Jason Brant Gregg

Address

Jason Brant Gregg
#17151-111
FCI Englewood
9595 West Quincy Avenue
Littleton, CO 80123

About Jason

Jason Brant Gregg was sentenced to 15 years for conspiracy to distribute cannabis in 2015. He has served 5 years of the 15 as a non violent drug offender in federal prison with hopes of returning home to his wife and two sons upon his release.



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Daniel Martinez

Address

Daniel Martinez
#54149-018
FCI Coleman Low
846 NE 54th Terrace
Sumterville, FL 33521

About Daniel

Daniel is currently serving a sentence for manufacturing marijuana and possession of a fire arm in Florida with an eligible release date of 2036.



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Ryan Mershon

Address

Ryan Mershon
#24907-052
Oklahoma City FTC
7410 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73169

About Ryan

Ryan Mershon was arrested for trafficking cannabis in 2017 and was charged with money laundering and cannabis conspiracy in 2018. He is currently serving a 71 month sentence with an expected release date in 2023 with a potential early release date in 2021.



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Andre Oliveira

Address

Andre Oliveira
SBI #000596816E
Central Reception and Assignment Facility
2401 Stuyvesant Ave
Trenton, NJ 08628

About Andre

Andre Oliveira was been incarcerated since 2019 for operation of a controlled substance production facility and is serving a maximum of 7 years in Trenton, NJ. His fiancé and mother-in-law are currently waiting and working to get him home as soon as possible.



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