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- When THEO wanted to make a film my main fear was that he would try to make me look UNREMNORSEFULL (SP) or even evil. I still worried about it after the interview, but he and his crew were very kind and receptive and I felt reassured about their intentions at least. After filming I was more concerned about them getting the facts right in general and putting everything I wanted said in the film. From my family and friends I have heard they were pretty accurate and put about 15 min or less of my interview in the film. I know they must have left out a lot of things I felt were important considering we talked for over 3 hours and only a few minutes made it in the final cut. Unfortunately, I have not seen the film and probably will not in APRIL. I do not think we get PBS on the Dayroom Television. Overall, I feel like the Documentary was positive and I certainly don't blame them for cutting so much of my interview—that is just part of making a film under 2 hours long.
- My family is doing very well. They are all as loving and supportive as ever. My grandparents are in good health and very optimistic that I will be out soon. My mother is still working at Hideaway where she has been now for a few years. She is working on buying a house and my sister is living with her. ~~One person very important~~ She did not like doing the interview. She is nervous on camera and felt she was a poor speaker. She did not want to do the interview at all, but chose to anyway to show her love and support for me and my family. One person very important to me who was left out of the documentary because he was out of state is my Brother Justin. He is two years younger than me and was partially raised in Kansas by

our other grandfather. He has since moved here to Lindale with my mother and sister. He visits often. My family rotates to meet the two person weekly visit limit, but I get to see someone every week. Ironically, Justin recently saved a family of 5 from a house fire. He was on his way to work very early one morning and noticed a house ablaze. He started knocking and yelling while calling 9-1-1 and woke them up only moments before they would have died of smoke inhalation.

• I am happy most of the Pastors were so kind and forgiving. I would love to visit them and apologize in person. The responses they wrote to my apology letters were all loving. I regularly correspond with the Church of Christ, Scientist and they have by far been the most helpful. (I also want to remind everyone the Church of Christ, Scientist is a Protestant denomination and not related to the crazy SCAM/cult of Scientology)

• I have worked very hard to improve myself despite the limitations in place by the prison. I am half way finished with a course in Personal Psychological Development. I have read numerous books on Psychology and spiritual improvement, self-help, and prayer/meditation. I am also taking college classes and correspondence courses. The programs in place by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are very limited especially in the areas of counseling and healthcare. The mental health professionals primary concern is not rehabilitating but cost cutting. I was removed from antidepressants without warning despite the fact that suddenly stopping that type of medication is proven^{to be} dangerous and should be gradually reduced. That just one example. I have found it easier to work with churches and colleges through correspondence courses to improve myself. And I have improved, I am generally cheerful, calm, and confident and I was not any of those a couple years ago.

The most important thing I have learned from my experiences is to accept and forgive others, but never lower your own standards to theirs.

• My motive for the Arsons was Robbery. I have said it before but I don't know that I have made everything completely clear in writing so I will try here. We targeted churches because they had low-security, and were empty consistently at night and during most days. There was no religious motivation they were just easy target.

"Why burn them? you ask." That is where the medication, drugs, and clouded thinking comes in. Firstly, I want to emphasize that I would not even have been robbing them if I had not had extremely impaired judgment from pharmaceuticals, but because I was it seemed reasonable at the time not only to rob them, but to burn them in order to cover any evidence. ~~How do~~ How do I know I wouldn't have? Simply look at my behavior the years prior to taking Chantix or even months prior. I was depressed but behaving like any 18-20 year old. I was dating, working, going to college. Even when I experimented with marijuana for my depression I continued to work and go to school without incident. That is why I know Chantix was the primary factor. As soon as I started taking it impulsive irrational, and even dangerous acts started floating in and out of my head and seemed reasonable. Suddenly I was shop-lifting, breaking into cars and later abandoned or unfinished houses and churches. This all occurred in a period of less than 3 months. The facts are that my doctor should not have

Prescribed me chantix to stop smoking cigarettes because he knew I was on Prozac, an antidepressant that should never be combined with Chantix. He was also aware that I smoked marijuana and the effects of Chantix are untested with cannabinoids. I do not blame him though, because I should have investigated it myself before taking it.

• ON my Sentence: The sentence I got was too extreme and Politically motivated, I have No Prior Criminal history. Noone was hurt or Killed by any of the fires, all that was destroyed was buildings and Property, I'm Not saying those are inconsequential, they are serious crimes, but where most People who commit Non-Aggravated Arson get around 20-30 years I was given Life + 20 years. It is difficult for me to Fight my case for a reduced sentence because I Plead Guilty. I was black-mailed by the D.A. and my lawyer with threats of Additional charges and time stacked in such a way I would never have been able to Parole out. It is against the law for DAs to use such tactics but it is a common practice and because negotiation is done verbally and not in writing almost impossible to Prove. Despite the difficulty of it, I still hope to convince the community and Justice System to realize the unreasonable Extremeness of my charges and reduce them so I will be eligible for Parole and not have stacked time, I have heard a lot of Forgiving words from the churches, congregations, community at large and all I am asking for now is the second chance I believe everyone deserves. I have served 5 years day for day and learned a lot about life and responsibility.

Everyone Please write to Counties I was tried in ^{and} the Texas Department of Criminal Justice ~~and~~ requesting our sentences

to be reduced.

• Finally, I feel like I need to Apologize again to everyone I hurt and scared committing these crimes. I would name them all if I could but there are too many people I let down, from my Teacher, friends and family, to the community at large I am truly, truly, truly, sorry for all that I have done!

[Mr. Phillips, since you are writing a Blog and will not have the restraints other interviews have had I hope you can reproduce my letter in full, IF you have anymore question write again, THANKS]