

1 Yes, I have been given the opportunity to watch the documentary "They Call us Monsters" and it was uncomfortable at first watching myself. I don't know if it's because I was acting like a fool. Nevertheless, it proved to be very insightful because I seen how I was coping with pain, hurt and the fact I forfeited my freedom. I used laughter as a mask to shield myself and others of my reality. Instead of facing my life I numbed myself to it and behaved ~~very~~ immaturely.

3 Do I feel California is fair when it comes to dealing with juveniles who have committed a violent crime? No, the reason why I answered no is because for one police officers manipulate juveniles ~~into~~ through coercion to admit to information that they may actually be innocent of. Let me clarify I don't think juveniles should just be let free or given a slap on the wrist. But if studies prove a juveniles brain is not fully developed why would you give him more time in prison than he's lived. Granted time should be done but if prison is for rehabilitation and you give a sixteen year old forty years to life after 10 yrs he's truly changed you still keep him inside. The problem could be stopped before it reaches this how does a teen get a gun is never questioned. What is going on in these cities that so many young teens are being charged for gang related murders. What's going on inside these households, schools, and streets.

5 Since the movie I've been striving day after day to become a better person and hopefully re-enter society

and just be a citizen an asset not a liability, I've since chose to leave the criminal life style in my past and serve My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I Haven't done drugs in 3 years oppossed to getting high everyday. I got married to a beautiful amazing woman. and we have 2 daughters ones 3 the ~~the~~ second a litter over 1 year. I'm two semesters away from obtaining an AA in Business & Technology. I must say God is good despite where I came from God has me living in the now looking forward and learning from the past. Change is possible but forgiveness is needed.