

Cards Life Has Dealt Us: PRISON



1. You are ready to apply for parole. However, you are told that, due to your recent argument with an officer, you now need to complete a 6-month anger-management program before your application will be reviewed. You have tried several times to explain that the so-called argument was due to misunderstanding on the part of the officer, but no one in authority has accepted this.

2. You were just informed that your mother died of a heart attack. Over the last two years you have been longing to see her in order to let her know how sorry you are for what you have done.

3. You are being released next week from prison to a halfway house in the community. You have been told that drugs are rampant in that building. You want to stay clean and are terrified of being assigned to live there.

4. Yesterday, your friend was turned down by the parole board for the third time. This morning, when you went to meet him for a walk, you found him hanging from a rope, dead.

5. You are determined to make good use of your time in prison in order to be a successfully contributing member of society when released. You work hard at your job and are pursuing college courses. Now the government is cutting education funds to prison and also eliminating jobs contracted through private businesses. You estimate that you will lose both your job and college program within three months.

6. You are 18 years old and have been arrested and sentenced for the first time. You are being sent to an adult prison that has a reputation for brutality and racial violence.