

That's me

By Seth, Robert's "son"

Well hello!

My name is Seth Yates and I am a 19-year-old prisoner in the state of Texas. I'm sure there's a lot to me, to the trained eye, but I never really felt so. I'm a skinny, white male. I was born in San Antonio, Texas.

I was arrested for murder at age 15. I am very happy to have not received the death penalty, of course, but I believe that the loss of freedom is worse than the loss of life. However, I have a relatively short sentence for my charge (20 years), and with freedom just around the corner, the loss of my life would be a horrible prospect. Death row must be horrible. I can only imagine how it would feel to sit in a small cell, every day, with no physical contact with anyone, and wait on a specific date for my execution.

I first heard from Ines almost two years ago. At first I wrote pretty erratically, but now I'm getting better at writing when I'm supposed to.

My first few years in the system I was trying to adjust to the environment and letters just weren't that important. It took a little while to realize that they might be important to somebody else, such as my Dad and Ines. These two are the only people whom I have regular contact with. My Dad is in prison like Robert's.

I know my other "Dad" Robert, through Ines and hope to forward some more greetings back and forth.

I enjoy sci-fi, fantasy, and video games, rock and roll, school, and learning in general. I have developed a huge liking for Dungeons and Dragons here in prison. I am probably the biggest Star Wars fan in the world.

My dislikes are simple: I dislike ignorant people, and especially I dislike prison.

I hope to take college courses after I finish my electrical trade. I'm not sure what I want to major in, but I definitely want creative writing for an elective. I have finished a rough draft for a book, and I hope to perfect it soon.

My day-to-day life is pretty routine, and really boring.

And that's me,
Seth

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