



Lois DeMott, Coordinator

2014 Soros Fellow

**Hosted by Michigan Council on Crime
and Delinquency**

THE JOURNEY OF KEVIN DeMOTT

Avid in sports • a love for outdoors/farm • Young Marines • Many family historical vacations
a love for working with hands • community volunteer work • mental illness/bipolar disorder
unsuccessful treatment facilities • obtained GED • sentenced to prison at age 15 (#608223)



Snowboarding

Cross-County Win



BMX



Roller Blading

Napping and feeding calves
at Grandparent's Farm



At My
Grandparent's
Farm/Sugar
Shanty

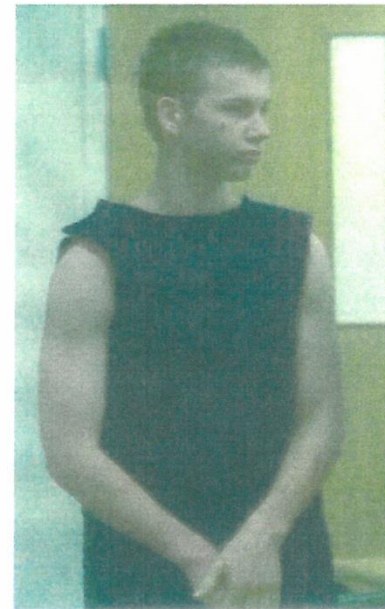


Young Marines
Perfect Attendance

Participating in Young Marines Parade



Community Service



Kevin's Sentencing Day - May 2006
In County Jail - Off Meds
Suicide Photo by the



MDOC Photo - May 2006



Family Vacation Out West



Kevin & Brother Nick



Fun with Exchange Students



Family Trip to Washington DC





**KEVIN DEMOTT,
AGE 15**

**DAY OF
SENTENCING TO
MDOC**

Photo by Battle Creek Enquirer

Credit: Photographer Richard Ross/Juvenile-in-Justice.com

Youth in Juvenile Detention Center- Biloxi, Mississippi



**LETTER BELOW WRITTEN IN 2007
BY MINOR INMATE, KYLE, AGE 14.**

Dear grandma I'm sorry for not writing you my hand got slammed in a door so I was lank for a while then I saw all the letters you were sending it made my mac that I could not do any thing about it I still can't call you because I lost your grandma's phone number in a flood an inmate poe his spider I was sleep I woke up my room was flooded I got the disbursement for only \$20.00 was on it is it all right if I wait 2 more month when I get \$100.00 for change time sat don't have to worry a getting out of I want to know your decision first enough about how's my heroic leagard doing at the house is your hand and story's doing better I so wish I could do something about it I'm worried about you grandma truly, w
 grandma I apologize for how I ~~tr~~ treated you out there how I treated a of you I love you grama I was thinking why do people use the same word love to describe ones feeling to each other and we use it to describe feeling for god you is support to be in are life I once heard grapa say ~~praises~~ praises go to the lord of love ~~to~~ to love others boys he love

GUS HARRISON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
2727 E. BEECHER RD
ADRIAN, MICHIGAN 49221

To whom it may concern,

Date 2/19/10

My Name is R , I am 16 years old, however I was 15 when a hearing was held, I believe illegally and I was ORDERED to (SAI) Boot Camp for ADULTS, Unfortunately I failed the program. Instead of sending me back to the County Jail to await a Hearing Pertaining to what action should happen at this point (Such as the Return to a Juvenile Facility) I was sent to an ADULT PRISON FACILITY. I believe only the Judge was able to make a decision, as his original Hearing was for Adult Boot Camp (SAI) NOT FOR A 15 YEAR OLD BOY TO BE PLACED IN ADULT PRISON. Either way it still should have been the Judge's Decision and Furthermore I would like to State My Charges are Home Invasion 2nd degree, and there was no type of Injury, Now I attempted to file for the Transcripts however I have yet to receive these as there should be two different sets. I filed the proper documentation with the Juvenile Division Judge along and the Circuit Court Judge I have yet to receive any type of Response.

Current Brief History of My Incarceration

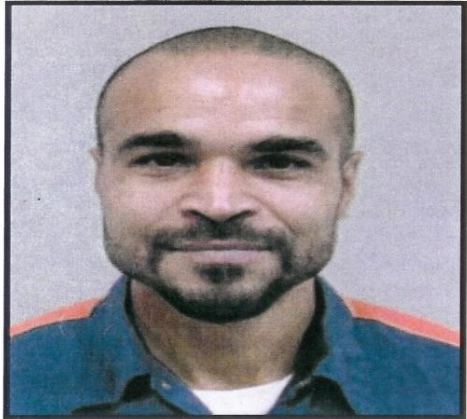
Presently incarcerated at the above listed correctional facility, As stated earlier I was originally arrested and taken to Jail for the charge of Home Invasion 2nd degree, (NO INJURIES) which I was sent to Adult Boot Camp as stated earlier I was unable to complete the Adult Boot Camp, and for some unforeseen reason I was sent to the Thumb Correctional Facility and was placed with young Men/Boy who the majority of were/are Gang banger's and I was involved in an altercation with a couple other inmates, at that time, I was transferred, Gus Harrison Correctional Facility (BY MDOC'S OWN POLICY STATES YOU MUST BE 17 YEARS OLD TO BE HOUSED AT THIS FACILITY), This happen around the Thanks-Giving Holiday and upon the administration returning from the Holiday I was immediately Placed

Another youth, a year prior to his sentence. Age 15 when sentenced to adult prison.



REMEMBERING

IN ORDER TO PREVENT
SIMILAR TRAGEDIES FROM
HAPPENING AGAIN



JEFFREY CLARK

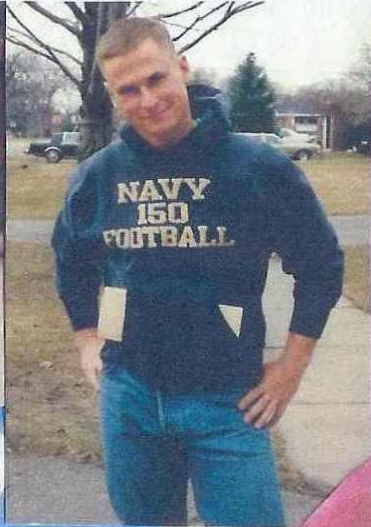


TIMOTHY SOUDERS



THE STORY OF CHARLIE LANE

HIGH SCHOOL VALIDECTORIAN -- U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GRADUATE --
PERSIAN GULF MARINE CORPS. VETERAN -- BIPOLAR MENTAL ILLNESS
PATIENT ---- MICHIGAN PRISION SYSTEM INMATE # 314942.



PERSIAN
GULF

46

VET





CITIZENS FOR PRISON REFORM

2012- 2014
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



A Look Inside Our Prisons:

A 2010 University of Michigan study found that more than 20% of the state's prisoners — about 10,000 inmates out of a population of 45,000 — had severe mental disabilities.

The same study found that 65% of the 10,000 with severe mental disabilities had received no treatment in the previous 12 months.”

FACTS ABOUT THE SYSTEM:

- **Currently there is one (1) Recipient Rights Specialist for the mentally ill in the entire prison system. Jails - Have none.**
- **Many prisoners with mental illness are unable to conform to the Department's rules. They often wind up in long-term segregation as a result.**
- **Mentally ill prisoners who are outside of the in-patient psychiatric housing units cannot receive medication on an as-needed bases.**
- **Placement in segregation often leads to further deterioration of their mental health and increased acting out.**
- **Security management may then involve the use of restrictions (water, electricity, paper, or other) restraints, chemicals or hogtying.**
- **Mentally ill prisoners often have new felony charges pressed as a result of their behavior in segregation.**

Michigan In The News

“Many of these prisoners end up among the thousand or so held in administrative segregation in Michigan. MDOC administrators acknowledge that the percentage of prisoners with mental illness in segregation is probably higher than in the overall population. Prisoners in segregation are handcuffed when they leave their cells, eat off serving trays pushed through the slots of steel doors, and generally lack the few privileges extended to those in general population, such as telephone calls, contact visits and television.”

*Shackled in Solitary: Prisoners with Mental Illness in Michigan's Prisons
Solitary Watch by Jean Casella and James Ridgeway February 5, 2012*

The Impact of Incarceration on Families and Children...



Families often feel walled off, uninformed and unable to get information about their loved one.



1000 W. ST. JOSEPH HWY. SUITE 400

LANSING, MI 48915

PHONE: 517-515-5787

familyparticipationprogram@gmail.com

www.familyparticipationprogram.com

Host: Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency

Purpose of the Program:

- **Reach out to families and friends of the incarcerated**
- **Provide resources, information and support**
- **Bring awareness within the community**

Four Pilot Sites:

Macomb – Detroit

Brooks/West Shoreline – Muskegon

Central Michigan – St. Louis

- **Volunteer Family Advocates trained to assist other families.**
- **Informational Posters are in four pilot facilities for visitors and prisoners.**
- **Community workshops being held to provide support to loved ones.**
- **Family Advisory Board to Corrections Administration being created.**