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STATUS Incarcerated in 1994 at the age of 33 Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

OBJECTIVE: Upon my release, I would like to spend time with my three daughters and seven grandchildren. Give them lots of hugs, cook meals for them and spoil my grandchildren. I would like to take them to church, to make sure they know the Lord. I would like to work with young people to make sure they don't make the same bad choices I've made. I would like to work as a Mental Health Certified Peer Specialist. I love talking to and helping people. I would like to put my family back together and go out and share the good news of the Lord. I would like to die at home with my loved ones, not in prison-this is not my home.

# WORK HISTORY/SKILLS

Laundry and Housekeeping, PICC, Philadelphia, 1992 Library Clerk, PICC, Philadelphia, 1993 SCI Muncy: Project Impact, 1994-2005 Chapel, Clerk, 1994-96 Law Library, Clerk, 1996-97 Tutor-Teacher's Aid: GED, Computers, New Choices and Homemaking, 1997-2008 Unit Detail, Housekeeping, 2009-12 SCI Cambridge Springs: Mental Health Certified Peer Specialist, 2013-14 General Labor Pool, 2015 Unit Detail, 2018

### **EDUCATION**

Time to Read, 1995-96	Payroll Tax, 1996
Business Math, 1997	Bookkeeping l, ll, 1997
Personal Tax, 1997	Literacy Tutor, 1996-98
Microsoft, Word Perfect, 1998, 2001	ADHD Training, 2001
Mavis Beacon Typing, 2001	Business Simulation, 2001

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Alpha Numeric Data Entry, 2001 CPR/First Aid, 2003-04 HIV Education, 2006 Money Smart, 2010 Certified Peer Specialist, 2013 EDUCATION continued: AOD Peer Training, 2015 Microsoft Word 4.0, 2001 Entrepreneurship, 1 and 11, 2004 International Computer Drivers License, 2010 Outpatient AOD, 2013

### PROGRAMS

Building a New You, 1994 Conflict Resolution, 1996 Homemaker Services, 1996 Stress Awareness, 1997 Long Term Survivors, 1998 Character Development, 2002 Fresh Start/New Mothers, 2003 Self-Esteem, 2006 House Of Hope, 2007 Thinking For A Change, 2009 Positive Relationships, 2013 Self Esteem, 1994 Teen Parenting, 1995 Anger Management, 1996 Parenting and Parenting on Anger, 1998 Grandmother's Group, 2000-01 Parenting Skills, 2002 Assertiveness Group, 2006 Seeking Safety/Abuse, 2007 Long Term Offenders, 1 and 11, 2009 Violence Prevention, 2009

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Talent Show, 1998, 2001Muncy Inmate Organization, 1995-2018Inmate General Welfare Fund, 2004-13Monthly Message of Encouragement on Sharon Wiggins Facebook Community Page, 2015

#### SPIRITUALITY

Gospel Echoes Bible Study, 1994Steps to Christian Growth, 1995PA Baptist Seminar, 1997Getting To Know Jesus, 2008Ancient Face of Modern Man, 2009Kaeros Retreat, 2013Walking Your Faith, 2013Light of Hope, 2013Member of Church of Christ: Meadville, Williamsport, Philadelphia, PA and Richmond, Virginia; Sisterhood,<br/>The NetherlandsFish memberI am a Christian of great faith. I attend church every Sunday, go to bible study, read my bible several times a<br/>everyday. God is first and foremost in my life. I know that its His Grace and Mercy that has kept me.

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### HEALTH REPORT

2018:

I suffer from asthma, sciatica nerve damage (I live in pain daily), cataracts, depression, anxiety, IBS, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, herniated discs: C4, C5, C6, C7, arthritis has set in so its hitting bone and it has spread to my hands, legs and feet, fibroids on and in my uterus, and skin disorders. I go to physical therapy one a week for an hour and I am given ice everyday for my back pain. The following are medications that I am prescribed:

Hyzaar 100-25mg, Lipitor 80mg, potassium Cl 20mg, Oyst. Cal+D 500mg, Colace 100mg, Relafen 750mg, Dulera 200mcg/5mcg, Xopenex HFA, Triamo 0.1% Crlubr Lot 1:4, Hytone 2.5% ointment, vitamin E lotion. These are the medical orders I am given: medical mattress, two pillows, bottom bunk, extra toilet paper, no chemicals, no smoking, no lifting over 20 pounds and daily ice. I am mental health code D which is the highest code due to depression and anxiety. I attend group counseling with Howard Woodring for life sentenced women.

## In The Works:

- 1. Restaurant Trades, recently signed up to attend
- 2. Paralegal course, recently signed up to attend
- 3. "Read to My Child", recently signed up to participate
- 4. Reapplying for commutation, 2019

# THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

I am a changed woman. I have a different outlook on life. I made a lot of very bad choices in life that I am very sorry for. I was young with a lot of pain of being abused and rapeds as a child growing up in a dysfunctional home AOD. I acted out sexually and getting high to numb the pain. I always wanted someone to love me. I have lost all of my family since being here, all three of my daughters are very sick now. But through all of this, I know it was to make me stronger and to make me the woman I am today: loving, kind, gentle and caring. I am a mother, grandmother, sister, friend, aunt, cousin, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, niece...most importantly I am a child of The King and I didn't take a life, I was charged with conspiracy.