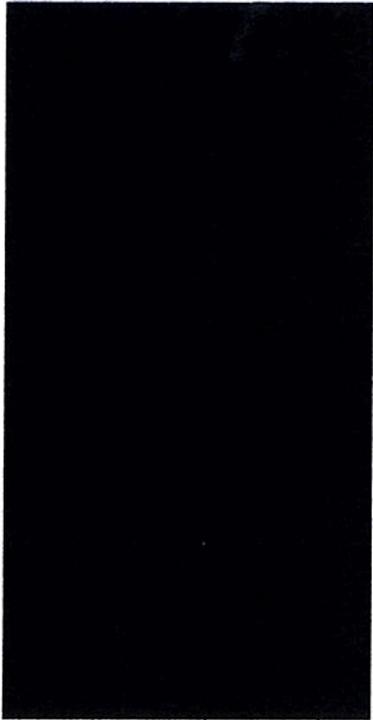


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Hi Michelle!

How are you and your family doing? Not much is going on with me. I'm still here in Hugville. Not sure if Mom has been keeping you up to date, but so far, the judge has denied my bond, the appeals court has upheld her decision (without giving any reason), and now the same judge has denied my indigent prisoner status, even though I qualify. I don't know what is going on and I am very worried about getting a fair trial. We've put forth a motion for the judge to recuse herself, the thinking is that a new judge will not be as prejudiced as the current judge, and I'll have another shot at getting a bond and, just as importantly, the indigent status to help fund my defense. I don't have all the details, but an incident in December here in Jacksonville was brought to my attention. There was a confrontation of sorts at the same gas station where mine was. Black guy + a white guy. Black guy pulled away from gas pumps into a parking space, waiting for other vehicle to leave. He followed other guy to a nearby intersection where they were both stopped at a red light. Black guy got out of his vehicle, shot + killed white man, then drove away. He supposedly removed his license plates and tried to get new ones issued. After the police caught up to him and arrested him, he's charged with 2nd degree murder and out on 50k bond. He had a prior criminal record, to include domestic violence and illegal weapons charges. This is but one example of

the reverse discrimination that appears to be rampant in the South. Even though Jacksonville is in the Northern part of the state, it is more "Southern" here than it is in central or South Florida. I've never been exposed to thugs like they have here. The jail is chock-full of blacks and they all appear to be thugs, along the lines of 90% of the inmates. Mom and I were talking the other day about living in an apartment, as [redacted] has had to move out of our townhouse on the beach into an apt. in town. Mom recalled an apartment she lived in in Key West, where a neighbor was playing music a stereo loudly. When she knocked on his door to complain, he was apologetic and somewhat embarrassed. I said that it never occurred to me that asking the parked car next to me to turn their music down would lead to a confrontation, let alone a deadly one. I've never had to deal with people like this - ever. [redacted]

[redacted] I don't know if you're interested, but the video-taped interview I gave the "detectives" is on the 'Net somewhere. [redacted] also has a written account from me that Mom can forward. Write to me when you can. I promise not to reply with any more unsolicited advice! 😊 I'm sitting here, stewing in my own juices - waiting for my day in court and plotting my revenge against the system for all the civil rights violations. 😞

Love to You + Yours! - Mike