

Feb. 1, 2011

Dear Susie

I am doing very well given the circumstances. Please know that I am at peace with whatever may come my way. God has truly been working in my life and answering my many prayers.

And of course he is the only one that already knows my fate.

My lawyers will do what they can to try and get me a STAY. They will file it in the court in hopes the judge may grant it.

But when it's all said and done, it will come down to what God wants. If he wants me with him, that's the way it will be. If he chooses to spare me, then that's the way it will be.

I have had many years and a long battle with the courts. So I knew it was only a matter of time before this situation came upon me.

For years I've had to live with the thought "is this the day they will come and tell me that I had a execution date". I can tell you that is no way to live.

Then I thought to myself, how am I going

to act and deal with it.

But I can honestly say when that day did finally come, I took it all in stride and carried on with my ~~job~~ head held high.

I know there are many people that are concerned with my well-being.

And from ~~the~~ all the cards and letters that I've received in these past few weeks shows just how much people really care and have given me so much support.

And for that I am truly thankful for.

We never know what kind of hand life is going to deal us.

And I was never no daunt by no means.

But over the years I have had a very important person come into my life. And she has taught me how to care about others thoughts and feelings other than my own.

Her name is Kathy. She has been very, very supportive to me and has never ever judged me on anything I've done in my past or present. And I can tell you that I've done alot of dumb and stupid things.

When I first came to death row I didn't have anyone that cared about me so I figured why should I care about anyone.

But then by the ~~power~~^{grace} of God Kathy came into my life and has given me so much support and let me know there are people that really do care.

Over the years I've had many pen-pals. But some of them never stuck around long. And there are a few that still write.

I consider it a honor to have gotten to know them.

I believe some stopped writing because writing to a death row inmate was more than they could deal with.

I have always told people there was always a good chance this day could come.

Nobody but God himself knows what is going to happen on Feb. 9th!

Do I want to die? No, I don't. But I have prepared myself if the worst does come.

One day maybe Missouri will wake up and realize that killing is wrong no matter who it is doing it. Murder is murder no matter

how the state looks at it.

We know the only satisfaction gained by a execution is revenge. A ~~the~~ victims family say it's closure. Well if that is in fact true, then how does one get closure when a man is sentenced to life without parole.

Life without parole is more of a punishment than a death sentence.

I hope that it is a comfort for you to know that the staff here at Bonne Terre prison have been treating me very well and are very respectful.

And also that I am at peace with whatever happens on February 9th.

I wont say goodbye, I will just say that until we are in touch again.

Take care.

Friends Always
Marty