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@Golgotha w/ Joe Joe

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XZ

Alright now, out here on the yard today with ye & another true prime of the people, sup man?

JJ

Yeah, lets do this, let me get my stuff, okay!

XZ

It's like an exercise yard between us, so it's hard to hear you so I'll try to get as much as you say down alright?

JJ

It's cool.

XZ

So where are you from out here?

JJ

Southern Calif, City of San Gabriel.

XZ

About how old was you when you got arrested to come to deathrow?

J.J.

29.

XZ

What about your age when you started getting arrested period?

JJ

14 years old.

XZ

Now we both know each other from Y.T.S, which is the Youth Training School, California Youth Authority, lets just put it out here, it was prison for kids. A lot of people know me as Sugar Ray because I was a member of the Y.T.S Boxing Team, but most people had no idea that I was also being certified as a Butcher.

JJ

Yeah, I always thought Boxing was your trade, yeah, I didn't know that.

XZ

I said that to ask you, what was your tradeline experience at Y.T.S?

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JJ Commercial Arts, the class was right over there by the....

XZ Explain that, in brief, so our readers can feel this.

JJ Calligraphy, drawing, airbrushing, it was broad based and it was a good class, we learned a lot.

XZ Name two other people that was in your class that got out and did something successful with that skillset?

JJ Joe Cerra, he works at Disneyland

XZ Now that's some real boss shit right there, anybody else?

JJ That I know of? Hell NO, everybody ended up back in prison or dead, you see, people don't even realize this.

XZ That's crazy because I was showing my folks those Boxing Tournament videos and the camera was pointed at the door before the bouts started, and one by one, line by line, we watched Youngsta from every unit walk in a line to be seated inside the Auditorium; everybody with me was watching the beginning of a Boxing show, but I was watching a funeral, I even cried because Keith Davis, "CL" Curtis Lawrence, I mean, it was just so many niggas had trade skills, but got let out to the same streets and, fuck man....

JJ They did everybody like that, see look, most of the trades they was offering certificates for didn't translate onto employability skills because nobody could find a job because they was outdated, we had 1990's skills, but not 2000 job ready. (both LOLs)

XZ valuable shit you just said, what about Family?

JJ My family is real tight, you gotta have a strong family OR else when bad things like this happen, it's those tight family units that's extremely important.

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XZ So After checking out the write or Die Zine project issues #1, and #2, what do you think? Outside of a few typos not bad huh?

JJ Hey You know what, I thought they was pretty good, let me tell you, not only did both of them have like a positive energy to them, but what I like the most, was that it shows, or let me say, sends out a look from the inside, rather than that some old outside stereotype view because whenever people see things about this place they always show fools here for crazy ass things...

XZ Man they even be showing, what's that fool Charles...

JJ Yeah huh? And he hasn't been here on deathrow since 1973? OR something like that? And you probably wasn't even born back then (both LOL'd) I'm just saying man,

XZ Do you know Pinkhi?

JJ Yeah man, tellin I said this is real cool and I saw it as interesting as Readers Digest LOL;

XZ Man, You be reading everything, Readers Digest?

JJ Hell yeah, They be having some real good stuff in there, and I do, I do feed a lot, that's how you learn, observe everything.

XZ So that means you know about the African Proverb:
It takes a village to raise a child, so trip, outside of your family, I'm talking community here, name that one thing that you always wanted that you never got before coming to death row?

J. J. True Unity, you said what I wanted?

XZ Yeah You

JJ OK, True Unity Then.

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XZ I love this question because you never know what people will say, it's like even though most answers are different on the surface, so far, you have been the 1st one to just come out and say what every answer really is on the under, unity.

JJ That being said, the reasons for the lack of unity differs because like my Latino community for instance, unity is there in the setting, but in the end it's never there, you know why that is?

XZ Why?

JJ Because in these times people just get up and move, it's not like before when whole families settled down

XZ Awwh yeah, I'm feelin that, that's a trip, elab...

JJ Now, people move so often now, they don't even know who lives 5 houses down the street anymore, OR which old lady is The Hamies G.Mom's, Man, the inner city youth are growing up where the true comfort of a real community or village is lost in these times.

XZ I mean, bring it, you got a reason for all that?

JJ The economy for one, if you go back in time, you will see society as a whole was self sufficient, the people was stronger, plus, they, broke the fabric of the way society was for them, because, man, if you really look, you can see how capitalism killed the villages.

XZ Real, fuckin, talk dog, even females are looking for dudes with \$, so if you ain't showing material shit, or rocks, you ain't nobody.

JJ Capitalism killed Communism, and Communism was good.

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XZ OK, hold up, because since you used the word Communist, and since ~~WOD~~ has a younger demographic readership, I'm going to write out, at least one dictionary meaning of the word Communist, because as you know, that word alone in America, especially in politics, pisses people off.

Communism — A Theory of Social organization advocating common ownership of means of production and distribution of products of industry based on need.

JJ exactly, hence the word, Community. So if I guy don't work for that day, he still eats, everybody always eats because everything belongs to the community, everybody gets Skinny Jeans (both LOL;)

"This conversation was interrupted by a capitalist pigeon, that took about a half of a cups worth of shit that came within inches of XYZST LOL; It's well known that the exercise yards on death row are under a metal, chicken farm like covering, and birds rest and lay nest high above the yards, so this happens more often then most think."

"XYZST being the nature freak that he is simply cleaned up the contaminated papers and explained to the Pigeon that although he was forgiven of the bombing; not to expect a tight fresh pair of Skinny Jeans in pigeon size when the economy bounces back here in America (everybody LOL;)"

XZ New Topic?

JJ OK, I'm ready, Comeback over here, don't trip, I can see them, I'll watch out for you (LOL;)

XZ Yeah Right!

Andre (in the distance) I told you Younts, They got Bro yesterday, but you went over there anyway (LOL;) and you're going right back, alright, alright...

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Amy, I've spent my life in war zones, TeeTee, next topic.

XZ

As you know, in the Black Community, we have always said that prisons are now filled up with a lot of people that was targeted back in the 1990's, especially by the Los Angeles police department. From your experience, as a Latino, did they do y'all the same way, or are all black people that make court complaints lying, crazy, or trying to come up off the system? "as they say".

JJ

No, look, these people always deny what they do and try to make it seem like the Black youth or Latino youth are like all crazy wild animals, but to answer your question, hell yeah, they dogged us out as well, man, they even had a protocol to look for people that dressed the same, but everybody dress the same in the barrio and hood's because that's what was being sold to us in those areas, those clothes was affordable and, oh yeah, so, now that people is wearing these skinny jeans, the cops is all confused now..LOL;
(everybody LOL;)

XZ

You hello CRAZY, but that's true tho, that stop and frisk shit is over, owh man, let me say this, I was on the phone with my son and he was saying the LAPD took his cellphone and his friends phones feel me, after they came up to the High School because of a note in the Cafeteria, anyway, Young Prince said the cops said they would all get their phones back when they show up for court, which was like 5 days away. SO IF YOU IS reading this, dont take those phones back because they doing all kinds of shits to those phones, excluding waiting for them to ring so they can pen a doge case on kids feel me, so heads up, go hard, but also go smart.

JJ

They got this new protocol called curbside searching, You see, they can now "pat them down only", that's if they look suspicious, oh yeah, tell them to look up a case called Paul VS. Ohio, the cops can't take or open something if it's sealed, so if they do this, that person can use Paul VS. Ohio to help them out, no matter what's inside the sealed item, remember that,

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XZ I'm saying, The cops is just out here pulling kids over, and taking stuff from them and don't get me started because ...

JJ You see that's what I'm trying to tell you, this person named Paul beat the charge because it was an illegal search and seizure OF how the cop obtained the item that got Paul locked up, so if a person is reading this Zine, and is locked up for something like this, They can appeal it because most people don't understand the wording of Laws, I'm not just talking about the search, or patdown, I'm also talking about the word "Seizure", for example anybody under the age of 18, if they use a 6 pack photo line up against them they can beat the case because OF how the cops seized the photo of the minor.

XZ OK, now I get it, no adult... what if the kid signed that paper?

JJ If the kid was already a ward of the court at the time, yeah, but we are talking about kids like your son and daughter that ain't never been in nothing, a minor can't represent himself, it takes a parent or guardian to sign for permission for them to even take a photo of the kid, Hell, schools can't even take kids to Disneyland on a school fieldtrip without a P&R....

XZ A parent's signature, real shit, go on.

JJ And they got cops pulling kids over, asking them what their name is, and taking photos of them so the cops can put it in what they call a blue book, so when something happens in the hood, they show victims the blue book and say, which one of these kids was it? And that's a violation OF the minors Constitutional Rights under Paul vs. Ohio because these are illegal photos because OF how they was seized, I know some kid in Juvenile Detention is reading this right now and is like, "oh hell yeah, I'm outta here" lol.

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XZ All up at the park flexing, what the? all posing and shit!

JJ Yeah, in a line showing off tattoos, my homie Snoopy was the 1st one they did this to, most my homies are lifers now, but they had us in a condo structure, garage door as the backdrop, and flicking it up, I was like, what the fuck is wrong with you foolz?

XZ OMG, You know what you just said? Dog, right now as we speak, the cops is out here taking photos of the next generation that they are planning to fill up the very prison cells that we all live in right now, on the row.

JJ Thats some sick ass shit huh? And they parents dont even know about it, because kids dont know man, I mean, we was all just kids man, do parents read WOD?

XZ I hope people read this shit and realize that child porno dudes aint the only ones out here taking photos of inner city youth.

JJ Unbeknownst to parents and guardians, and they be all like, accept responsibility for your own actions but how do you tell people that when the whole thing is a trap, and dont get it twisted, 9 times out of ten; most vectors just be pointing out photos of people that aint did nothing man, we all look alike too, to them.

XZ Thats why I love my Nigga Tyler the Creator for that mountain dew commercial because they can put a billy goat in a photo line up and they still going to pick one of us. Bootlicken ass, uncle Tom ass fools out here acting like they don't get that commercial.

JJ I couldn't hear your last question because it got hellz loud out here, repeat that last one..

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XZ Nawh man, what you just said was so valuable, it made me, Oh yeah, hold up, I got one more of our routine questions for ye, IF these cops walked a tour of Juveniles already locked up, in here, right now... .

JJ It'll never happen, They don't want them to see this truth, but what do you mean like positive?

XZ I'm saying, What, if anything, would you say to them, period?

JJ You know you plan to say stuff, but your words change when you're in the moment? I don't know, oh, become a nerd because he starts last but finishes first
(both LOL;)

XZ Where in the hell do you be coming up with shit LOL;

JJ No, Think about it, in every community, nobody likes the nerd, they get beat up and all kinds of shit, but they are the ones that become pillars of the community, some become politicians, or own major companies, and others become, like, they get at us, and in the end become law makers, I said all of that as a joke, but being serious, I am saying that they got to be smarter now than we was when we was their age because now they can see more than we did.

XZ God Shit dog, I want to say my usual 4th Amendment BC ending, but you really hit on a good point that, here we are, as a society, worried about sickos taking photos of our youth, but totally miss the cops doing the same exact thing, I mean, right now, as we speak.

JJ Things that make you go hummn!

The End!