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Gangs Member Autobiography

Introduction

It all started for me when I was born in Los Angeles California on 1st March 1987. Even though it cannot be said that I was conscious at that point of time, but I felt that the reality had already drown on me that how the class difference in the society works and how the thought process and the belief system of the people is supposed to work at the particular point of time. I was 4 years old when the realization further fell on me that what are some of the differences in the lifestyle of the people who belonged to the more affluent background and what were some of the things that I needed to do differently to make sure that I was able to get recognition. The constant bullying and the powerful people having level of control over others was a constant worry for me all the time. The poverty and the clout that comes with the bullying showed me that enforcing other people is the only way to get what you want. So, the start was far from ideal and started my descent into the life of crime and drugs. Current research suggests the need to address specific risk factors that lead youth to violence and gangs. It is also important to enhance protective factors that can play a role in keeping youth out of gangs.

School Days and Descent into the lifer of Crime

I attended the school, but it was something that was not thrilling enough for me. One of the reasons that the education was not really a big motivator for me was due to the fact that I had seen people in the neighborhoods using force and for me that was the only way. Sports was the only thing that motivated me that at that point of time. Fortunately, even though it was quite an expense sport, I used to play it with passion, and gaining the prestige college scholarship was the ultimate aim for me. This event can be said to be the start or the trigger where all the things started to unfold and lead to my descent into my life of crime. The reason that I was so skeptical about wordily things was that had led to change in my mindset and I saw the life of crime as the only way I could redeem myself. Gang involvement is a process that happens over time. This process is influenced by the life trajectory and individual, familial and social experiences of a young person. Several studies indicate that risk factors associated with gang involvement are present long before a youth joins a gang  For example, youths who were the most behaviourally and socially maladjusted in childhood were found to be the most likely to join and stay in gangs for several years  Unless appropriate actions are taken to address the factors that result in more serious crime or gang involvement, early negative life experiences and subsequent involvement in crime will only reinforce the path towards continued delinquency.

Political and Social Considerations

I have a belief now that there is no justification for any person to be involved in the life of crime, but at that point of time, I had an undelaying ideology that everything that is happening around my life was unfair, the society was not good with and to get back to them with crime is the only way I am going to be able to even the odds. Now, the time period in which I was born was an era where media was not that open to reporting the racial crimes and injustices, the social media was not active and it was a difficult time period in terms of how one would be able to get their noise heard. Being born to the Asian ethnic community, it was very difficult for the person to make sure that they can make their noise heard, so there was a sense of being isolated. At the same time, there was no major representation for people like us in the political arena that would discuss some of the issues that were faced by our community. So, the political climate was such that it did not provided me with lot of hope as far as the resolution of my problems are concerned. Furthermore, the other major problem was that how the impending issues were faced in terms of how lack of cultural representation was faced.

Economic Issues

The economic consideration can be considered as the primary motivation if someone is going to be involved in the life of crime. Despite this fact, it must be noted that my reasons were not purely economic. That does not mean that the economic reasons did not contributed. I was trying to make sure that with the influence and power that money gives to you, I would be able to make create the furor in the community. Now, keeping this aspect in mind, it must be noted that the underlying issues that are coming with it. Due to my lack of literacy, for which I am partially responsible, and the attraction that drug trade has for me, I started selling cocaine. One of the reasons that cocaine was selected by me was that I came in contact with the people who were major dealers of cocaine, and as compared to some of the other drugs where it was quite hard to find the buyers, it was quite easy to find the people who were willing to purchase cocaine. May be the sentence was much lighter and thus people were quite unafraid to come forward and sell cocaine.

Creation of the Drug Empire

With the passage of time, as people in the neighborhood started to get influenced from me and the way drug operation was used to run, I took a backseat and allowed people who I have recruited to run the show. The major reason that I was able to evade law enforcing agencies was due to the fact that I had obtained police scanners and made sure that I made contacts with the local police who were much lenient on me as compared to the other dealers of cocaine and drugs.

Joining the Gang

It was just a matter of time when one starts to collaborate and sit with the people who tend to share the same set of beliefs. The key thing that needs to be kept in mind here is that as the locals around the area where started to get impressed with me, due to the extensive growth and the clout that I enjoyed, I started recruiting people. I was not the only one though that was doing the same thing as there were other that were following the same set of beliefs. Due to that, there was an apparent change in the way I was working, and I formed a gang. The underlying belief of the gang that how representation is supposed to be provided to the people who were of the same point of view. The key manifesto of our gang was to make sure that the marginalization of our people is needed to be stopped and effort must be made to make sure that the people who are involved in such decision making that is damaging the reputation of the community must be stopped. The other idea behind the formation of the gang was to show them in a twister manner that there are options for them if they stand out and are willing to take risks and break the laws.

Eventual Capture

It was just a matter of time when the law enforcement agencies were going to have hold of me. It all started when my own main source facilitated my capture. I was under the impression that the sense of loyalty that I have inculcated among the gang members is going to be protecting me, but there were people in the community that did not agreed to my ways. At the same time there was sense of jealousy among people who belonged to the gangster community.

Conclusion

In the hindsight, it can be said that the path that was taken by me was not ideal but there were many factors at that point of time that facilitated this line of thinking at my end. At the same time, the other reason that now I regret this life is that even though I was enjoying all the power and respect that was coming my way, the problem was that it came with my cost. Thus, I could have made sure that things turned out to be in a better manner. Furthermore, at times, one tends to miss the thrill and the sense of adventure that this lifestyle tends to provide to an individual. The reason that I was enjoying the whole thing was due to the fact that how it manifested with the passage of time and the sense of fulfillment that it used to give to me.

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