

DEAR GOVERNOR HALEY,

MY NAME IS RON T. NICHOLAS. I AM INCARCERATED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SCDCC. I AM SERVING A 20 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ARMED ROBBERY WHICH I BEGAN SERVING ON OCTOBER 17, 1997. MY RELEASE DATE IS IN MARCH 2017 ABOUT 7½ MONTHS AWAY. I HAVE DONE 19 YEARS PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE SENTENCE. I SAW YOU ON THE NEWS DISCUSSING PLANS FOR PRISONERS NEAR THEIR RELEASE DATE AND GETTING THEM INTO WORK / VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS SO THAT THEY MAY NOT ONLY LEARN A SKILL, BUT ALSO DEVELOP A GOOD WORK ETHIC. 12½ OF MY 19 YEARS HAS BEEN SPENT IN THE SCDCC'S SUPERMAX ISOLATION UNIT SSR/KHU AT KIRKLAND CORR. INST. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS CUSTODY IS USED TO HOUSE RECALCITRANT PRISONERS. THOSE CONSIDERED HARDER TO MANAGE IN A GENERAL POPULATION SETTING. THERE ARE NO EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL OR ANY PROGRAMS HERE CONDUCTIVE TO REHABILITATION. THERE IS ONLY NOISE, INSANITY AND BROKEN MEN! THE ENVIRONMENT, THE IDLENESS IN THE CELLS AND THE SENSORY DEPRIVATION ALL ARE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO MY INTENDED AIM WHICH IS TO "BETTER ME" TO ENSURE THAT I'M NOT A PART OF THIS STATE'S CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM. I DO NOT WANT TO RETURN TO PRISON. I HAVE A G.E.D. NOTHING MORE. I HAVE NO WORK SKILL BUT I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WORKING. THE SCDCC IS CONTRIBUTING TO A MAJOR PROBLEM (CRIMINAL RECIDIVISM) BY REFUSING TO ADEQUATELY PREP ME FOR MY REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY. ONE I HAVEN'T BEEN IN IN ALMOST 2 DECADES! THEY ARE FORCING ME TO SPEND MY LAST 7 MONTHS IN SUPERMAX ISOLATION. MY PSYCHIATRIST DOCTOR BEVERLY A. WOODS AS WELL AS THE THERAPIST MS. SYLVIA ROBERTS I'VE BEEN SEEING, HAVE ALL BEEN WORKING WITH ME AND THEY'VE AGREED THAT I NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ONE OF THE SCDCC'S STEP DOWN PROGRAMS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THE ONES YOU DESCRIBED ALTHOUGH THESE ARE LOCATED AT THE ALL THE SCDCC'S LEVEL 3 MAXIMUM CUSTODY YARDS WHICH ARE FOR

VIOLENT OFFENDERS. THERE IS ONE AT MCCORMICK AND LEE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS. YOUR HIGHER CHAIN OF COMMAND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MICHAEL MCCALL APPROVED ME TO GO TO THE ONE AT BROAD RIVER. HOWEVER, MY RELEASE TO THAT ONE WAS RESCINDED BECAUSE I WAS INVOLVED IN A RIOT THERE IN 2004 (WHICH IS WHAT BROUGHT ME TO SUPERMAX 12 1/2 YEARS AGO) WHERE THE OFFICERS INVOLVED SOME STILL WORK THERE.

MR. MCCALL AGREED TO CONSIDER THE MATTER AGAIN WHEN THEY FOUND ANOTHER INSTITUTION TO SEND ME TO. (SEE ATTACHED) THEY HAVE FOUND THIS.

HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE UNDER MR. MCCALL HAVE REFUSED TO ACT, I WILL ALSO TELL YOU THAT I WAS QUESTIONED BY SCDC EMPLOYEES ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT I WOULD GET OUT AND SUE THE SCDC AND <sup>ALSO</sup> BRING AWARENESS THROUGH USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS AND OTHER ACTIVIST PLATFORMS ABOUT HOW THE SCDC WILL INCARCERATE MEN FOR DECADES AND THEN SEND THEM BACK INTO SOCIETY UNPREPARED. I SIMPLY REPLIED, "WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WAS ME". I THEN URGED THEM TO READ HEBREWS CHAPTER 13 VERSE 3:

"REMEMBER THE PRISONERS AS IF CHAINED WITH THEM - THOSE WHO ARE MISTREATED - SINCE YOU YOURSELVES ARE IN THE BODY ALSO".

I DO SO IMPORE YOU TO CONSIDER MY PLIGHT, <sup>AND</sup> NOT TO TURN AWAY FROM YOUR CONSCIENCE AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT. WHEN A MAN HAS ASKED FOR HELP WHY SHOULD HE BE DENIED WHEN THAT HELP WILL HELP HIM TO TRANSCEND EVIL TO BE ON THE SIDE WITH THE GREATER GOOD...

Sincerely,  
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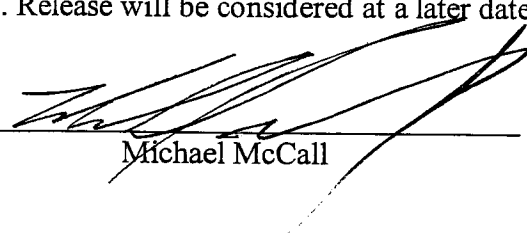
**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND INMATE RECORDS**

**INMATE CORRESPONDENCE**

**INMATE:**   Habeeb Malik (aka Ron Nicholas)   **SCDC #:**   231677  
**LOCATION:** Kirkland Correctional Institution   MSU 0023A  
**FROM:**     Michael McCall, Deputy Director, Operations  
**SUBJECT:**   **SUBSTANTIATED SECURITY RISK REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION**  
**DATE:**     March 11, 2016

This is to inform you that the Substantiated Security Risk Review Committee has rescinded your approval for release from the SSR Unit at this time. Release will be considered at a later date.

S/

  
Michael McCall

MM/jbg

cc: Institutional Record  
Inmate Records  
SSR File

R. Nicholas  
SSR 23A