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## “SHOW DON’T TELL”

### Unheard voices

When I was in my mother’s womb hidden away my voice was unheard, when I was born my cries was what was heard.

Growing up I was taught to learn words that had dual meanings, yet meant nothing at all. I spoke many words, created no sentences of my own, repeated what I was taught sounding like a clashing cymbal.

My voice echoed, still my voice was unheard, as a young child my voice was suppressed, counted as unworthy just a kid my voice didn’t matter, for my age disqualified me from speaking, my heart and mind my voice was kept silent.

Many do’s and don’ts, adults dictate every aspect of my life, so I rebelled.

I was told I couldn’t watch a rated r movie w/o parental guidance, vote, buy tobacco, enter into a legal contract, drink, have sex, drive, or join the military.

I spoke and I did, but my voice was left unheard.

Hypocrites! “expound”

Have you ever stopped to think, that a juvenile at the age of (13) can get tried as an adult, yet can not do the above mentioned.

Let me speak the cold hearted truth I can’t now cause I am a criminal my voice doesn’t count all my so called rights have been stripped. Transitioned from juvenile hall to prison my voice was taken from me turning me from a boy into a grown man. The words I speak are now my own fallen on deaf ears for I am known as CDC# as6714, to many I’m just a number, my voice is unheard.

What is the meaning of me speaking, if you ain’t hearing, though you keep my voice caged my word on paper will remain uncaged!