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Scared Straight? Lori was:

"I thought it was just going to be a day away from school... But I was afraid to even breathe wrong. I don't think I've ever been that afraid in my whole life... It made me not want to be an idiot anymore. I started going to school more after that and I started hanging out with different people."



Scared Straight? No, Qaadir learned the hard way—by doing hard time:

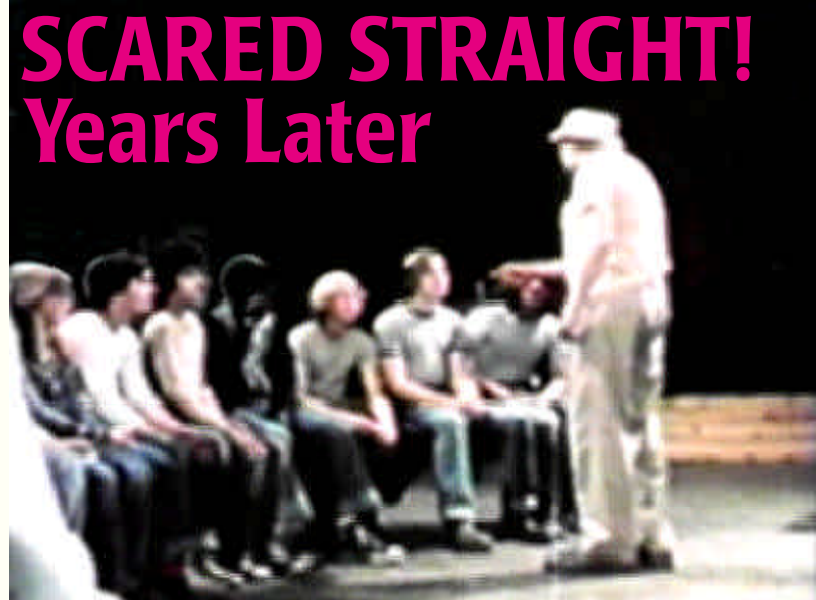
"Drugs. It's always a result of drugs. I've never done anything when I was sober or clear-headed... Today I'm drug-free. I've been involved with AA for 8 years and I'm going to continue with it (because this prison business) is sheer madness... I'm tired of it."



Scared Straight? Tony was:

"I remember how I felt: I was terrified by the size of those guys... We thought we were tough but they were much tougher than we were... If I had not taken the trip to Rahway, I may have taken a chance at committing a bigger crime—and that of course would have destroyed my life."

SCARED STRAIGHT! 20 Years Later



Where are they now?

Twenty years ago, **Scared Straight!** won an Academy Award and eight Emmys for its groundbreaking in-your-face depiction of the encounter between 17 teenage lawbreakers and a group of hardened convicts in Rahway maximum security prison. The film awards were great—but what happened to the kids? **Were** they "scared straight"? Are any doing hard time today?

Scared Straight! 20 Years Later includes original footage but adds the stories of the teens and convicts in the 20 years since 1978. Two major facts emerge: **first**, in cases where nothing much has changed for a participant, drug or alcohol abuse was almost always the underlying cause; and **second**, an overwhelming majority of the teens and convicts benefited greatly from the experience—adding to the many reasons why the Scared Straight program continues for new generations of teen offenders and convicts.

See what life in prison really means. This program is especially recommended for teens currently committing crimes or "on the edge". Note: program contains explicit language.

"He hung himself. So now he's even. He ain't gotta do that life bit. He ain't gotta deal with the police. He ain't gotta deal with his pimp. He went out the back door wrapped up in a green sheet with a tag on his toe. When they stuck his dumb ass in the ground and gave him a little graveyard marker, they ain't put his name on there. They put his number. Because that's **all** you are when you come in here—a number. You lose everything. **But this is what you clowns want!**"
— Lifers' Group member, Ed, tells how some inmates respond to life in prison

"Jail is so easy to get into but it's so hard to get out of. You're young one day and at the end of 30 years you've got grey hairs and you say, 'What the hell happened to me?!"

— Ali, Lifers' Group member

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