

OPOP Update: The Journey Continues

You may recall that our OPOP project began about 18 months ago when Chris Hoke of Underground Ministries invited MPC to join One Parish, One Prisoner and come alongside a soon-to-be released prisoner. Now, after many months of exchanging letters, phone calls, emails, and video-chats we are looking forward to our first in-person meeting with Dan Anderson toward the end of March. If all goes well, Dan will be officially released from his work-release program on Monday, March 22, 2021.

Unlike many prison movies, however, prisoner-release today is more of a process than an epiphany. When we first contacted Dan, he was at the Clallam Bay Correction Center, then he was transferred to the prison in Monroe, then sent to a work-release program in Seattle at Bishop Lewis House, and then quarantined in a motel and later a private campground due to a positive Covid test, before being returned again to Seattle. Fortunately, his encounters with the coronavirus do not appear to have had any negative effects.

So after 26 years in prison will he be free on March 22? Not quite. It turns out that he must, according to the rules, be paroled into the county of the crime, which is King County. So the original plan to live with or near his mother and stepfather in Lynnwood will be further postponed. He is now planning to live with a friend in Shoreline. At least he will be somewhat closer to his job as a welder on a ship at Harbor Island in south Seattle.

Our OPOP team plans to meet with Dan in an informal and relaxed setting in late March in order to enjoy his company and discuss the ways in which our relationship with him can be deepened. As we move toward re-opening the church building to in-person gatherings, we will certainly plan opportunities for everyone else to meet and get to know Dan as well.

One of the things we enjoyed in Dan's letters were his "drawings from prison" so we have included a few here.

OPOP Team: Art Smith, Carrell Tysver (from Emmanuel Presbyterian), Sharon Eddy, Hallack Grieder, Dan Woodworth, Ann and John Collier.

Very Sincerely,

Dan Andersen

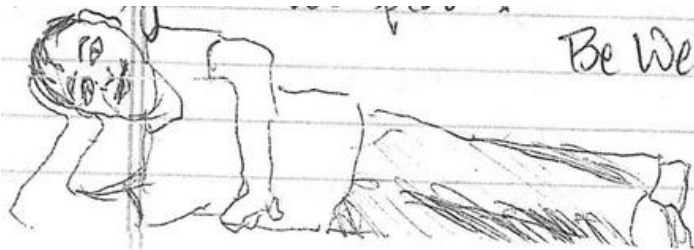


Take Care, Sincerely

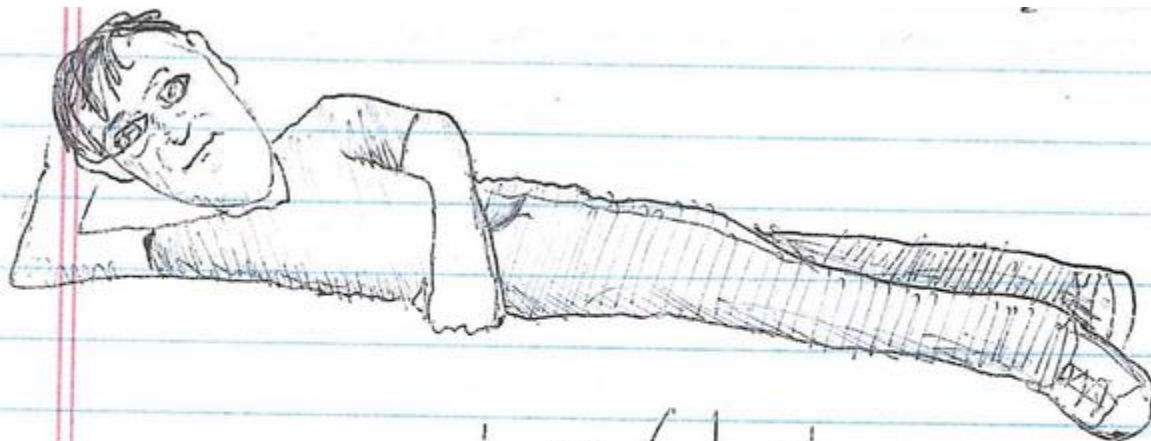
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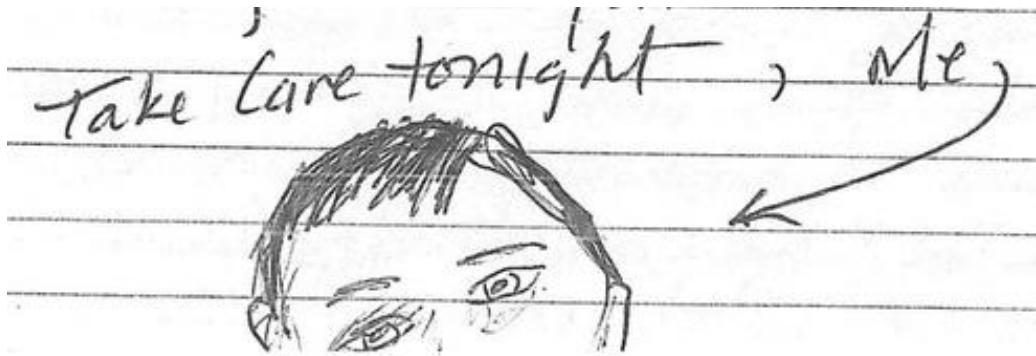
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Lazy Saturday

Sincerely Dan





Very Sincere, Dan



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Thank you for everything Dan

Springtime
Rocks!



Be Safe & Be Well - Sincerely,



just waiting - -

