



How great it felt to finally hug and kiss my parents after being in solitary confinement for 25 years

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Hugging and kissing my parents was truly amazing, and extraordinary. I was in solitary confinement and all my previous visits with loved ones were conducted behind a small glass window partition for the duration of two hours. There was absolutely no touching, hugging, or kissing between us.

I was overwhelmed with joy and happiness when I was finally able to hug and kiss my parents for the first time in more than 25 years. This grown man just cried like a little kid...

I finally was able to feel that warmth and love that I needed to feel for such a long time to make me feel human again. Opposed to having been treated like a caged animal for so long. I could also share a meal, talk openly with my family and be without handcuffs or restraints. The feeling was just incredible!! And even more so as our visits now can last for up to eight hours.

This simple thing is something that people in the free world far too much take for granted.

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