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By Sir Thomas, 55 years old, 8 years on death row

I have been a prisoner on Texas’ Death Row for several years now. We are held in solitary confinement, meaning that we’re inside our cells all day, every day, with a few exceptions. We eat alone in our cells. No telephone. No T.V.

For me, it’s a little like being in a very strict monastery with a locked door. I do try to be productive and active, in body, mind, and spirit.

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