

MAREE G.

POPE: Do you feel like the Seroquel helps with your symptoms?

MAREE: Well, I get [inaudible] sometimes and I get depressed and I cry a lot and I had some nasty things did to me. I'm just praying get out of here because I ain't never been in no place like this. I never.

POPE: What's it like being back here?

MAREE: It's just like, I don't, it's like I'm just, just rags. I reckon. They deflect the drugs. I mean. [inaudible] But it's terrible. And they ran me out because the lady brought me up here to try to see what they can do and if it don't get any better I gotta get out of here. The warden and all of them did it. And I'm just going to tell the truth about it.

POPE: They told you to get out of there?

MAREE: Get out of there, get out of there. Take that one out. But I don't know I mean they just don't like me for what I don't know. I get - to and they asked me about all of that. But now they won't help me.

POPE: They won't help you?

MAREE: They'll take but they're not helping.

POPE: Is that the inmates?

MAREE: Inmates and the officers talk to me like a dog some of them.

POPE: Really, the officers do?

MAREE: They really do. The officers. Talk to me like a dog. And I'm telling this and I'm telling the truth and I can put it on paper. I can put it anywhere I wanted but just find out and let them know that I'm telling the truth. I am...

POPE: How does that make you feel?

MAREE: Nervous and stuff like that. Cause I ain't never been in prison. But God is good.

I don't have no friends. They say they friends especially if I get, when I get money. But I don't, I don't think I got no friends with the officers either. I don't know who I got friends with. None, I reckon.

POPE: You still get visits from your family?

MAREE: Yeah, my granddaughter she hang in there with me. My daughter can't stand, can't take it. She will set and get me money to help me because I couldn't, didn't like the stuff they do in the cafeteria and that's why my daughter always get me something so that I can eat.

POPE: From the canteen, because you don't like what they have in the cafeteria.

MAREE: Some things. Some things I will eat but in some I been, I just can't take it because they know my heard some of it. They can't put no, bugs sometimes be in the food.

POPE: Bugs?

MAREE: That's what they tell me. Bugs. Yeah. And they, they, I just praise God my daughter had got a pretty good job and she could help me. I told her I can't stand it.

POPE: Do you hear voices sometimes?

MAREE: Uh huh.

POPE: You do. Can you tell me about that?

MAREE: The voices keep telling me things that I don't know what, what they saying because it's just like a person will come and I will listen and I heard them, and I go lay down and try to put cover on my head. And I just don't know.

No. I fell, I fell back in the county. I had two falls in the county. Somebody tried to get me all, I ain't had no business up there though. But I was trying to do my clothes and hang them and I fell from, and I stayed on that floor but I got out and limped for a while. Then came right here and fell again. I've, you know, and I was on the floor. I didn't know I was on the floor. But I remember, I remember seeing somebody. Then they come back cause I'm kind of looking in my door, I was still on the floor. And I know the lady but and she walked through there. They some awful people in here.

POPE: That was an inmate that walked by?

MAREE: That's the time that I was telling you about they ran me out of here because they um, the lady that took me up in the wheelchair they know about ya'll. She said if you get straight and I knew, I knew what they did, said I will stand for you. Said because I mean I was down, I got hair, and you can see where the knot at. That's where I fell.

And I asked them, I asked them, they um, can I get, can I get um, me appointment for the doctor? Wouldn't do it.

And I'll tell you what they did again. But they think, they think I'm crazy and I don't have no, uh, I don't know what I be doing. Okay. What happened? I mean, you know I forget things too. What I's fixing to say?

And my Mom, I think about her a lot. She always come and she come and see me. She look down like this, think I couldn't see her you know, looking, she be checking to see how, what I'm, what I'm wearing and stuff like that because they give me rags. That's no, that's ... I'm not, I'm like put on a doggone thing, I'm telling the truth about what I'm talking about, I'm not coming up here to try to get, get something did for me when I'm lying. But I, I'm just telling the truth about it. But my Mom she would look down like this and they she had to look back but she think I didn't see her, I don't see her – we be on visit – she do like this right back like this and um, you got on some nice boots ... where you got your boots? I say Mom, these not mine, these um, these people um, boots and but, she still wasn't satisfied. Mama went, Mama went and told my

daughter, you better see what, what um, Maree doing because she got her some nice boots and she don't have no money yet, do it...

POPE: She was wondering where you got those boots? She told your daughter she better check on you?

MAREE: I told her I do, I work on cottage detail and I used to do a lot walking and work in the cafeteria. They did me so nasty, I just, I mean I ran off that time, I'm gonna tell the truth. I really did. Um, they could just hardly do nothing with me. They told me, I'm tired of it since I been in here. I'm tired.

POPE: How often do you get to see your granddaughter?

MAREE: Oh, my granddaughter, she's um, she's seventeen. She come sometime, twice, twice from uh, huh because she work two job and stuff and um, she will, she will you know be the one cause my daughter can't stand it to see me and so, she usually bring me to see her but I was on shock last week, last week, I was shocked, my daughter, they say you got a visit, I say, wonder who it is, I said because I done already talked to Tracy, I said, so, I look at them and they say hurry up, they said 'cause, they say you got a visitor, they say you gotta go and see and I went there, I walk in, it's my daughter sitting there.

POPE: Yeah?

MAREE: Uh, huh. My daughter was sitting there. I'm telling you a million dollar right in my hand.

POPE: Oh really?

MAREE: And they had um, had um, where they at, we came up here, she um, surprised me, they had um, fish, gives us fish, and so I told Tracy, I said, Tracy they selling fish but I didn't let you know because I said I, I forgot. She was like okay. Tracy been bought a soda she bought a soda and some chips and so, I said um, what you going to eat, I said what Mama gonna eat? And I, you wait, you wait, I don't have no money hardly and I made tray come back and it's fish, it's good.

POPE: Was it?

MAREE: Um, hmmm.

POPE: They made it here, the fish?

MAREE: I don't know where they do it.

POPE: You just know it was good, huh?

MAREE: But it was good. And it was something I didn't have in a long time.