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While visiting Lowell C I in April 2010 as a Pre-Release Mentor, I met Ms. Lawrence, who was one of the participants in the classroom; she sat at the back of the room and was very quiet and observant. After my introduction I offered my services to anyone who was interested, to come and talk with me, quite a few responded but she did not. On my next visit, she came and started talking to me. She wanted to know more about me before deciding to open up and confide in me. During that conversation or should I call it our one on one introduction, I let her know that Confidentiality and Integrity are two of the most important things that I value in a mentor/mentee relationship. After a few minutes she began talking and she asked me to contact someone for her and let them know when she will be released and to get some other information for her.

I contacted the person, and got the information Ms. Lawrence wanted. When I went back to Lowell C I, I gave her the information she asked for and I guess she was surprised that I had kept my promise and did as she requested. From then until now we have built a special relationship. Ms. Lawrence is a very special lady. She lets me know every decision she intends to make with her life before putting them into motion. She values my input and that means a lot to me. If I have to disagree with her she understands because I do not talk to her, I speak with her, we discuss things we weigh the pros and cons of her decisions and come to an agreement.

She has made quite a lot of progress in her life because she is determined to be the better person I know she can and will become. I am very proud of her accomplishments. I thank her for choosing me to be her Life Coach because I have learned a lot from her.

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