

RAY HILL: You communicate with them and ask them, do they want out now? Or do they want to stay in jail and make a statement with that? Because I mean maybe it is time for the normal movement, the cannabis movement to start considering doing some of the classic activist gestures and movements that have worked very well in gay and lesbian rights, have worked very well in civil rights, and start considering civil disobedience.

DEAN BECKER: We had some talk about-- in anticipation of an event like this, we should have an immediate contact with the ACLU or someone else who could provide us coverage and tell these cops they have no rights to be doing these things.

RAY HILL: Well, the point is that if you're going to be practicing civil disobedience, the object is not to have someone from the ACLU tell them to go away. The object is to get arrested and test this in the courts and test it strongly. I mean, if people are afraid to get arrested, then they're obviously already under control. And the cops and the establishment don't have to worry about them at all.

Maybe, one of the things we could do is we could get a group of interested parties together, and we can have a discussion about how effectively to use civil disobedience as a practice within the country.

DEAN BECKER: Ray, I am all for that. I will certainly try to gather as much information tonight as I can.

RAY HILL: See if you can get some identity of the people who are in jail and who are their friends they may be in contact with. And let's get-- it's late, but let's see if we can't get some kind of uniform stance together to support them.

DEAN BECKER: I will certainly do my part tonight, and I'll be contacting you tomorrow or certainly by Monday.

RAY HILL: You know my home number?

DEAN BECKER: I do.

RAY HILL: OK.

DEAN BECKER: And let's see what we can do about picking up some of the older Morreys, the ways that succeeded for other movements.

RAY HILL: You bet. You bet.

JIMMY CARPER: So, anything else, Dean?

DEAN BECKER: Well, I did. I don't know. I'm still shell-shocked from what happened tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I can imagine.

DEAN BECKER: But we are-- as I said, succeeding in getting all those signatures, hundreds of signatures, and we will be distributing these to our elected officials to express our opinion.

JIMMY CARPER: Good.

RAY HILL: One of the things we might do is try to find a lawyer to politicize the trial and just subpoena 25 witnesses in each case. I mean if a judge knows that there's going to be 25 witnesses in a possession of marijuana case, then the judge is predisposed not to try that case.

DEAN BECKER: Right.

RAY HILL: Because the judge is concerned about how much time is going to be consumed in a trial in their court.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

DEAN BECKER: Yes. I think that's an excellent idea. I probably-- they're starting to break up. Perhaps, I should go try to query people on the way out if they're a witness.

RAY HILL: Keep us informed. And thank you for a late breaking news story on *After Hours*.

DEAN BECKER: Thank you, gentlemen.

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you, Dean.

DEAN BECKER: Good night.

JIMMY CARPER: Good night.

RAY HILL: Bless their hearts. They're just babies.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I know.

RAY HILL: They're just babies. And let me tell you something. I've been in activism, well, for several generations. My parents were labor organizers. My grandfathers were members of the Grange. and radical organizations for farmers. I'm the first generation of my family that did not push a mule through East Texas sand for a living.

And so I come from a bunch of old labor organizers and farmer organizers. And absolutely, the cannabis movement is an agrarian movement.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Sure, it is.

RAY HILL: It's a good cash crop.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, it is. For a whole lot of different things other than just smoking.

RAY HILL: Hell, if you know I have to smoke, and you make rope out of it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. You can make clothes out of it. You can make paper. I mean go on and on and on about what you can do with the cannabis plant.

PARTICIPANT 1: Of course, it took a whole field full of the stuff just to make one rope, but hey--

JIMMY CARPER: But the other thing is--

RAY HILL: George Washington did it for a living.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

[LAUGHTER]

He did. He did. He grew it. Dean Becker is-- I've met this guy several times and--

RAY HILL: He's a regular on my radio show.

JIMMY CARPER: He is. But he is like the old-time activist. I mean he's really focused, and he's really dedicated.

RAY HILL: Yeah. But I think I heard in his voice the stress.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: And of course--

JIMMY CARPER: He didn't expect this at all.

RAY HILL: I'm Ray Hill of *The Prison Show*, so I listen to voices all the time. I had his voice, and there was a lot of stress, and surprise, and all that. But if you're going to get lemons-- and let me tell you something. I remember we used to have a cannabis event in conjunction with Westheimer Art Festival. And so one of the things I do is bound up the stage and identify the undercover cops.

[LAUGHS]

And she needs your guys over here. They're vice officers. They don't do guys over there. They're NRCS. There are these guys trying to get me to go buy them dope. I said my god, the police department's got plenty. You don't need any more.

[LAUGHTER]

And none over there tried to sell me some dope. And my mama told me don't ever buy any dope from estranged police officers.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: No. But this was a cannabis event at Fitzgerald.

RAY HILL: Yup. And so naturally, they're going to come out.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. I'm not surprised that it got raided.

RAY HILL: Hey. How about waving this red flag in front of these angry bulls and see what happens?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. And so I guess Dean didn't think that this was going to happen, and he was totally unprepared.

RAY HILL: And I mean when I get supplies. I know one time I was arrested in arcade for pointing out a bunch of cops. And we got to the courthouse, and they lied. And I was shocked. I mean, well, you can't lie on Ray Hill. My god, I wouldn't have been there if I wasn't having the damn thing videotaped. How do you think--

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. That's right. Yes. But that was the time that you said something about their mothers.

RAY HILL: I always say something about their mothers.

[LAUGHTER]

I have found that if you want to get an undercover police officer's undivided attention and have him blow his cover, you talk about the relationship between him and his mother.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

RAY HILL: And they're very sensitive about that. And of course, we're live and having a good time. You people out in the audience do not understand that my name is Ray Hill. I have been arrested 17 times since I got out of prison. And I have sued the Houston Police Department more than anyone else, and I always win.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: All I've got to do is get into a federal court and prove that it was bull stuff that I got arrested for.

JIMMY CARPER: Are you serious?

RAY HILL: And if I can prove that, my rate for going to jail is \$50 a minute, all right?

JIMMY CARPER: And he gets it.

RAY HILL: If you read in the paper, they can't stop that. If you read in the paper the radio has been arrested, do not bail me out.

[LAUGHTER]

I know what I am doing.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. That's right. He means it. Ray Hill, the man who cast dispersions upon the--

RAY HILL: Well. Well actually, there was a specific case just a block and a half from here.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

RAY HILL: Then the place that is now the Marrakesh Restaurant was my house. I lived there. And on Valentine's Day night in 1982, I stepped out on my front porch, and it was freeway traffic down Westheimer.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah. That was the days, was it?

RAY HILL: Those were the days of the

JIMMY CARPER: Bumper to bumper cruising. Yeah.

RAY HILL: Yeah. Bumper to bumper for kids from Southwest Houston, and gay people and other just cruise city out there. A lot was going on. I was recuperating from a motorcycle accident, so I was on crutches. And my companion Patrick was with me. And I walked out on my front porch. I was going to go across the street and buy cigarettes from the Stop in Rob, which is now the Veterans Center.

[LAUGHS]

Funny how things changed.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: And two police officers grabbed a young Black gay man and dragged him up in my yard right at my feet and proceeded to pull out their flashlights and start working him over. And I said no. Wait a goddamn minute. I said number one, this is my "f-ing" yard, all right?

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

RAY HILL: And I don't have to look at this crap in any way. I've been out here long enough to know that kid didn't do anything wrong. And so you leave him alone. And they said, well, if you don't get your ass in the house, your SOB will take you to jail. I think that's a good idea, mother raw, whatever that word is. Why don't you jack with me and leave the kids alone? And that was an invitation they could not refuse.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no. That's right. In fact, they would relish it.

RAY HILL: And so they carried me. They put me in the back of the squad car, and we didn't head downtown to the jail, Jimmy.

JIMMY CARPER: Uh-oh.

RAY HILL: We headed for the Beach Nut substation, which was like way on the other end of town. And I happen to know because I was the former here at KPFT. That is where all of the police brutal beatings were happening. And here I am. What is this? 1982, I am 42 years old. I just got over a motorcycle accident. I cannot stand no ass whipping.

JIMMY CARPER: No.

RAY HILL: I just can't do it. I am broke up already, and I don't need any further fractures. And these are two violent guys because I seen them beating a Black guy, right? And so I said, look in my wallet, and you will find press credentials-- Harris County Press credentials, City of Houston Press credentials, and DPS press credentials. I am really Lois Lane.

[LAUGHTER]

And you can't mess with Lois Lane.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

RAY HILL: Leave me. You won't get away with it. And so we went out to Beach Nut substation. The Sergeant out there knew me anyhow.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: I had talked my way out of the ass whipping before we got out there. I spent the night out there, wound up a few days later in court, and Judge Breen was soliciting. He was the only one to hear my case. I knew the other judges too well.

[LAUGHTER]

And so these two officers testified against me and said that I called them mothers things.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: And they interrupted their arrest of-- they didn't even write his name down.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no. Really?

RAY HILL: Yeah. We were arresting this person. And so it didn't look real good for the record--

JIMMY CARPER: No.

RAY HILL: --for them to have been-- that was important enough for them to do that. They just cut him loose and dealt with me. They couldn't say that he escaped because I had 12 people there that might testify that he didn't escape and including him, incidentally. And so then they had 12 other officers come in and testify how truthful and upstanding the two officers testifying against me were. So it was like a cop loving thing to do.

[LAUGHTER]

And so including their captain who wasn't there, and their lieutenant who-- I swallowed all that. I mean I didn't object, Jimmy, that I'm representing myself. I didn't object, Jimmy, that getting in. So when it was over, I said your honor I'd like to offer a motion to quash.

Well, Mr. Hill, what do you-- that's pretty convincing evidence there. And I said, well, your honor, it's clearly obvious from what the officer said. And they testified truthfully as best I can figure out. I was arrested for something I said to a police officer. And I believe that we still have a First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and I believe that this is a jurisdiction where the Constitution of the United States still is in force in effect.

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

RAY HILL: Therefore, it is my intention that I was arrested for what I said. I went to jail for an infringement on my freedom of expression guaranteed under the First Amendment, so I moved to quash. And he just breathe and said, well now, Mr. Hill, I think that's a very interesting argument, and it may have some merit. But I think it's better for an appellate venue than this humble trial court.

So I'm afraid I'm going to have to find you guilty of this offense. And I said Judge Breen, that was a motion to quash. Are we not allowed to present a defense? I have witnesses here, and you've already found me guilty. And I haven't had an opportunity to subpoena any of my witnesses.

JIMMY CARPER: Ouch.

RAY HILL: And so the judge had screwed up big time. So he said, well, Mr. Hill, in that case, I think we'll find you not guilty.

[LAUGHTER]

So I had all of that glorious testimony from the police officer that said that I had done exactly what we thought was if I was arrested for that unconstitutional-- that case went all the way to the United States Supreme Court. I filed against the city for the inconvenience of going to jail.

And we got to the Supreme Court of the United States and eight-- wouldn't even close. Eight of the nine justices of the Supreme Court of the United States said in unison we thought everybody knew about cops and their mothers, and we don't know why Mr. Hill got arrested either.

[LAUGHTER]

You can read that--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, my goodness.

RAY HILL: You read that in the Supreme Court Reporter volume 107, page 25.

JIMMY CARPER: He's got that down pat.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

PARTICIPANT 1:--about of Thurgood Marshall.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, if that isn't a good lead-in for Big Roy.

RAY HILL: Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

And Ray Hill tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

RAY HILL: Tonight's edition of *After Hours News and Views of News* magazine is about gays in prison.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: Now, Jimmy knows that I've been wanting to do this for quite some time. And it wasn't until just really recently that we had a-- it's been all over the gay press about a gay prisoner who happened to have served in the United States military and the Navy as a seaman-- Mr. Roderick Johnson, who is inside the Texas Department of Corrections, who has been sexually abused and raped for over a year and a half. And he has been sold as a sex slave to different gang members within the unit for \$5 and \$10 and other things. And they complained him, and his family complained to prison officials. Nothing was done.

JIMMY CARPER: Of course not.

RAY HILL: And the ACLU is involved. And I have Ray Hill here.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, of course. The first thing is that the prison officials are not going to do anything about something like that because that would mean that they acknowledge that there are sex happening in prison. And they're not going to acknowledge that.

RAY HILL: Let me weigh in here because I mean--

JIMMY CARPER: That's why I got you here.

RAY HILL: I'm a gay person who has been to prison.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: Well, here's how--

JIMMY CARPER: I know. You know how it works.

RAY HILL: Yeah. I was once sentenced to 160 years in the Texas penitentiary system. I was sentenced to 20 consecutive eight-year sentences for commercial burglaries.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: And so I went to Texas prison. And on my way to Texas prison, there was a great deal of newspaper coverage of my crime spree.

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

RAY HILL: Local activist heads major burglary around \$4 million worth of burglaries. Leader refuses to identify co-conspirators. All right. So I get big headlines. They know that I'm gay. They know that I've been active in the Civil Rights movement and the anti-war movement. All of this is political stuff.

And this is 1970, all right? Nixon is president of the United States. This is very bad time for activists. And so I go to prison sentenced from Harris County to 20 consecutive eight-year sentences or a total of 160 years.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BIG ROY: I walked into prison thinking I'm going to be here for the rest of my life. So what do you do about things? I mean, how do you deal with being gay in prison, which is one of the most homophobic and repressive atmospheres in the world? Well, the way you do that is the way any activist deals with. You rub it in their face.

JIMMY CARPER: Hmm.

RAY HILL: So I told everybody I was gay. Now, that resulted in some people approaching me. Well, I want you to be my old lady. Are you crazy? You think I'm going to fall in love with you?

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh.

RAY HILL: You slimy, worthless piece of-- I mean you got to be out of your mind.

JIMMY CARPER: But you've got to remember you are different than a lot of other--

RAY HILL: Well, in the first place, I'm a big guy.

JIMMY CARPER: You're big. Yes. You played football. I mean yeah.

RAY HILL: And way back in 1970, I was 30 years old and pretty athletic guy.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: And so I could take care of myself. I never actually had to fight over sex. The gangs came to me, and I-- and whenever the gangs approached me-- and this is the way the gangs are going to approach young White men going into prison. They're going to sidle up to him and say, see those fellows with those big black things hanging down under their belts? They're going to be sticking that in your business end if you don't join up with the Aryan Brotherhood, so we can protect you from them. Well, guess what the cost of the protection is going to be?

JIMMY CARPER: Hmm.

RAY HILL: The cost of the protection is going to be exactly what they warned you about from those other fellows.

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly.

RAY HILL: Actually, rarely is there a racial difference between the rape victim and the rapist.

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

RAY HILL: Yes. Black guys rape Black guys. White guys rape White guys. Hispanic guys rape Hispanic guys.

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh.

RAY HILL: And they suckered them into their gangs for protection, and then they start buying and selling them as they wish. This is the case of Roderick Johnson.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: Roderick Johnson went out, and he was approached. He asked for protection, and that didn't happen. It didn't happen.

BIG ROY: He asked for protection from the prison official.

RAY HILL: Yeah. It didn't happen. Well, protection is a classification in prison. If you go into prison, somebody's going to ask you, you're cocksucker?

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

RAY HILL: All right. I'm not supposed to say that on radio, but I just said.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, it's 1:56, and you're listening to *After Hours* on KPTE.

RAY HILL: And if the kids are still awake, it's your fault.

[LAUGHTER]

You've been making too much noise in the bedroom. You woke up the kid again.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, yeah.

[LAUGHS]

Well, if they listen to the first half of the show, they were probably making noise in the back.

RAY HILL: Yeah. Well--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RAY HILL: --that will not do a good bait. Anybody breathing heavy over there. But the deal is about rape in prison, there is rarely. I won't say there is no true love, but rarely is there true love in prison. As a matter of fact, I met one old gay couple that had been together for a long, long time. They were sentenced to prison back when Texas homosexual behavior was under the sodomy statute, which was a felony statute. And they got three consecutive convictions of that each. And then they were sentenced to life with the combination of the old sodomy statute and habitual criminal act.

JIMMY CARPER: Just for doing stuff that we do--

RAY HILL: In their own home.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, in their own home.

RAY HILL: Yeah, I'm right. Well, actually, the story was the Sheriff was the first cousin, and they were living on family land.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

RAY HILL: And so the Sheriff wanted to use the land. So we sent cousin and his lover off to jail.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

BIG ROY: And it's the first [INAUDIBLE] land.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: Yeah. And so that was sleazy. But anyway, they lived as a couple in prison. They lived as a couple on the street. When they go to prison to prison, would assign them the same unit. They would live like in the last cell at the end of the cell block, living in like cell number 27. And so they had to pass 27 doors to get to their house, but nobody passed their door.

[LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: They were at the very end.

RAY HILL: Yeah, they were at the very end. And only the guard could watch them.

[LAUGHTER]

PARTICIPANT 1: Last time was like, back in the street.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go again.

RAY HILL: And he was going to watch them anyway.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: So those are what they are. And so they were the old gay couple that lived on the back of the tier. And they weren't spring chickens. They were my age when they got out. I met them on the occasion of their release.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: They changed in 1973 the law in Texas from a felony sodomy statute to a class C misdemeanor.

JIMMY CARPER: So they got out?

RAY HILL: 2107, we talk about that a lot.

JIMMY CARPER: We do.

RAY HILL: It's decriminalization of homosexuality. In Texas is the lowest penalty of any state that criminalizes it. A class C misdemeanor, punishable by no jail. Fine only. So if the officer catches you in the privacy of your home screwing, he's supposed to issue you a ticket and leave, so you can continue sucking.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BIG ROY: No way. No. You mean, these two guys who are recently like, in the last couple of years who's case we're still fighting, those two who got arrested for having sex in the privacy of their home behind closed doors and--

RAY HILL: Actually, that's not what happened, but that was the theory.

BIG ROY: I mean about the--

RAY HILL: They weren't having sex at all. I mean a constable come busting in. One was in the living room watching television, and the other was in the bedroom asleep. And he arrested him. But you see, they were salt and pepper couple. One was Black, and one was White.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

BIG ROY: And anyway, they went to jail.

RAY HILL: Absolutely. Absolutely.

BIG ROY: But according to what you just said under the sodomy statute, it's a fine.

RAY HILL: Absolutely. It is a fine only.

BIG ROY: So that whole thing was--

RAY HILL: So they were punished more severely according to a wonderful case called Tate versus Short by Justice Brennan. Any time in jail is more than any fine of any amount. They were punished more severely on the occasion of their arrest than they would have been had they been found guilty in court and fined. But the thing about it is is that they've have only been five 2106 cases in Harris County since 1973. Five. And one guy was accused of 2106 by yourself, and I don't know how you do that.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG ROY: It was-- I totally accused myself.

JIMMY CARPER: I've seen pictures of guys who can do that.

RAY HILL: I know. No, no, no.

JIMMY CARPER: You have to be very young and very lithe and supple.

RAY HILL: Very slender. And you better have-- you need a split personality to--

PARTICIPANT 1: That depends on the double-jointed.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

PARTICIPANT 1: I really like this. Whew!

BIG ROY: Or very well-endowed. Let's put it that way.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that includes that too.

RAY HILL: It was doing it by itself in a men's room, in a park, in Clear Lake. And that must have one hell of a jogging trail.

JIMMY CARPER: I agree.

[LAUGHTER]

PARTICIPANT 1: Oh, I remember that.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, gosh.

[LAUGHTER]

PARTICIPANT 2: That's the Walter Harold Park that was busted a couple of years ago. I live--

RAY HILL: OK. OK. Is it still crazy? I'll go out there.

[LAUGHS]

PARTICIPANT 2: Yeah, it's still open.

[LAUGHTER]

RAY HILL: All right. I used to work park a lot, Jimmy.

JIMMY CARPER: Me, too.

RAY HILL: In my one man show, that's where I met Jimmy, actually.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG ROY: Oh, the truth there--

RAY HILL: There at some Walgreens. I don't remember.

[LAUGHTER]

Same stuff parks Walgreens.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Foley's.

[LAUGHTER]

RAY HILL: They don't own stock in Foley's.

[LAUGHTER]

Wait, more. All of them.

JIMMY CARPER: No.

RAY HILL: No, no, no.

JIMMY CARPER: That is closer to stockers.

BIG ROY: Yeah.

RAY HILL: No. In my one man show, which you will soon see on Access Cable.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: Ray Hill and the sex police. I talk about Officer Weenie Wiggle and his Spandex out at Memorial Park.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: I've seen him. Yes.

RAY HILL: His name's Ross McKayman. I met him one time. He's in a topless bar, actually. And he had his hand up the skirt of one of these dancers, and I came in. I used to be the lobbyist that represented the topless business. And so I went in and he said Dom. Raymond, I really appreciate what you're doing for these dancers. And I said wait a minute, you're Ross McKayman. You're officer Weenie Wiggle in Memorial Park.

[LAUGHTER]

I know you are. And he said voila, dude, slimy people out there. And then the woman who's handy out up her skirt got real bored in this activity.

[LAUGHTER]

BIG ROY: Ooh.

RAY HILL: Real quick. Because I thought he was in there doing undercover stuff. No, he had his time off.

JIMMY CARPER: See?

RAY HILL: And when she left, he smelled off his fingers.

JIMMY CARPER: Ah.

RAY HILL: Now, that's enough to send you up the wall.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

RAY HILL: But he tried to buy me a beer, but I don't drink.

PARTICIPANT 3: Yeah. Well.

JIMMY CARPER: One thing I want to-- I know this is your segment.

RAY HILL: OK. No, no. No, no. Let me get out of this.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

RAY HILL: Because I want to build this.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

RAY HILL: Because sex in prison and gay people in prison, there's a significant difference. The folks that were busted over at Fitzgerald's--

BIG ROY: Right.

RAY HILL: Where they are going right now a city jail.

BIG ROY: OK.

RAY HILL: of them will make bond before they go any further than city jail.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: A few of them whose mother doesn't have any money, or they don't have any connection at all will make it to county jail. City jail is where you go when they bust you.

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

RAY HILL: County jail is where you stay but only for a short period of time. You're going to stay until you make bond to get out, or you're going to stay until you go to trial and the judge release you on your own recognizance. You're going to stay until they try your case and either cut you loose or send you to prison. Prison is where you live.

Now, sex is different in each of these tiers of the criminal justice system. Virtually, nothing ever happens in city jail because people are so unstable and so confused that they ain't got time to think about it.

BIG ROY: Well, no. Yeah. But it's so crowd-- in a city jail, it's not like a jail cell. They're mostly holding cells where-- I heard they just dumped in 20, 30 people in there.

RAY HILL: There are people incredibly drunk in city jail. I was in there one night for some civil act of civil disobedience. I'm sure on identifying undercover officers or something. And I was there one night, and they brought in this guy that was really incredibly drunk. And they brought him in with his friend from college.

And he kept screaming down Johnny, they put me in a different cell, and I love you. I wish you were in here to keep me warm. And this was going on, and I kept people awake. Well the next morning, he had sobered up in time to go to court. And Johnny didn't want to be seen.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: I can imagine.

RAY HILL: In his presence. And he didn't remember all of these screaming of true love and all that down the thing. So you do have some things in them. And I remember, in county jail is a little different. Some people are there for a prey. And so the trustees are like the bookkeepers and the people that have free movement within the unit. And some of those are pretty lecher. They're kind of like priests with acolytes.

[LAUGHTER]

And actually, there's something erotic about vulnerable men. And so the professionals that are going to be there for a long time facilitating the operation of the jail are going to be leching around and taking advantage of those that are in there shorter term and/or insecure and all that.

And of course, they promised them to get them out on parole-- on bond and all kinds of things in exchange for sexual favors. And so that goes on. But you see in that society, there is no privacy.

JIMMY CARPER: At all.

RAY HILL: Everybody knows everything that everybody is doing with everybody. And so-- then you move out of that into prison, and the atmosphere is where people live. That's when the protection racket kicks in. Or you go into prison, and you're this wide-eyed kid. And somebody comes over hey, kid, you look like you could use a candy bar or a pack of cigarettes. Used to, but since cigarettes are all illegal now.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: In jails and prison. But the candy bar, a cup of coffee here. And they get you beholden to them. And then they say, well, I really have these. I mean I've been taking care of your needs. I've been giving you candy, and I have these needs myself. And actually, you call those people turnouts. Most of the people having sex in prison with people of the same gender are not gay.

JIMMY CARPER: That's what I wanted to focus on.

RAY HILL: They would not consider themselves bisexual either.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

RAY HILL: It's kind of like the whole idea of gangs is a group of cowardly people that are manipulating weak people, and the people that are their sexual servants--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: --are weak people.

JIMMY CARPER: I have heard it called situational homosexuality.

RAY HILL: Well--

JIMMY CARPER: But I don't even know that you could call it that because the way I perceive it is that it's not about sex. It's all about power.

RAY HILL: Well, it's about aggression.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: It's about power. It's closer to rape than anything. There are exceptions. There are exceptions to the rule that people that care for one another.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: And that happens but rarely. Rarely. And now there is a theory fostered by my old friend Stephen "Donnie" Donaldson. Stephen was an activist friend of mine back in the 1979 March on Washington. He got arrested in civil disobedience. He got he got raped in jail. Presumably, that was his exposure to AIDS. And we should say KPFT in Houston somewhere along in here. It would do illegal ID. And so Stephen wrote an essay that told people that what they needed to do is walk into the wings and find a-- there's probably some head goggles back in the--

PARTICIPANT 3: I just had one thing to say on the sex in jail.

RAY HILL: Sure. Get close to the microphone.

PARTICIPANT 3: I just had one thing to say on the sex in jail. I just got out of LA County not too long ago, and they're now serving condoms in jail.

RAY HILL: Yeah.

PARTICIPANT 3: For the whole sexual activity.

RAY HILL: You can get condoms in Texas prison. You just can't call them condoms.

BIG ROY: What do you call them?

RAY HILL: Safety equipment.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, brother. They just don't want to--

RAY HILL: They don't want to use words.

JIMMY CARPER: They just--

PARTICIPANT 3: I heard that actually comes in and passes them out. There's a box on the wall to dispose of them in and everything else. It's like they're legalizing sex in jail. But it's also good for the safety issue.

PARTICIPANT 2: That's why they're doing it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: If somebody is going to rape you, they're not going to take time to put on a condom.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that's the way I look at it.

RAY HILL: That's not the way. But if you want to have consensual sex or if you want to sell something, and buy something, or trade something, or swap something, then everybody's got time to put on a condom.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Yes.

RAY HILL: And because it's a business arrangement.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: I mean one time I got a great job because the bookkeeper over at the construction department-- I was a bookkeeper in the maintenance department, and he was caught in the back of one of the warehouses with a young officer pulling a young officer out of his butt. And so they sent the officer away and transferred him to another prison.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, my--

PARTICIPANT 1: I do love your gift. It's the same butt.

RAY HILL: So they came by my office at the maintenance shack and said oh, hell, I understand you do a pretty good yard bookkeeping. I need a temporary substitute bookkeeper over there, lead yard bookkeepers. And of course, with that job came a truck, so I never gave that up.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

RAY HILL: I kept both jobs for the whole time I was on the Ramsey unit.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. I wanted to touch on the sexuality in jail because I get a lot of letters. Well, I get-- I have at least a half a dozen guys who write regularly. And they've learned a lot about sex by listening to the show and mainly on the bisexual and the transgender segments. And I'm thinking that they have a skewed idea about sexuality because they're in jail.

RAY HILL: Well, I mean if you go into jail when you were 17 years old--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: --you get out of jail and you may be 40, but you're still 17 years old emotionally--

JIMMY CARPER: Sure.

RAY HILL: --and all of that. It's just kind of-- I guess that's why they called it on ice.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

[LAUGHS]

Yeah, I think so.

BIG ROY: Prison does an awful thing to people, whether you're gay or straight. I mean Ray, you and I both knew this one guy named Tony. And I knew this Puerto Rican kid named Tony before he ever went into the prison system. And the way he came out--

RAY HILL: Oh well, I mean--

JIMMY CARPER: I mean it is-- they make a monster out of-- they totally animalized--

RAY HILL: Well, I mean I--

BIG ROY: It's like an emotional and psychological brutality of incredible amounts.

RAY HILL: I knew Tony before he had done much time. I'm not entirely sure I know because Tony's spent some time in juvenile institutions trying to grow up in various kinds of institutions. And there's a lot more sex-- the younger the crowd, there's a lot more sex. The older guys are a little mellower and not so impetuous--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: --in their drive. And so if you go to juvenile things, there's a lot more sex in there than there is in adult prison by per capita. But I've known-- I mean there was a warden of a unit that I used to visit many years ago when I first started the *Prison Show*. And I'd go down there, and I knew something was going on. I've never seen such pretty inmates in my life is the front hall turnkey and the warden's bookkeeper. The major's book-- I mean these are really good-looking, young, smooth, usually racial minority, that olive tan--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

RAY HILL: --smooth, hairless bodies. And so I said something's going on. Ultimately, that warden was caught getting sexual favors from an inmate, which is a wonderful fantasy. Don't count on that happening on the unit where you are assigned. You can go into prison and get into a lot of units, and you may not experience that particular fantasy.

As a matter of fact, I find that prison fantasies in the porno movies rarely actually happen in prison. Another thing about-- we were going back to Stephen "Donnie" Donaldson suggestion that you're going to find you a big daddy. And you just go up and say look, I'm yours. Protect me from all these others. At least you only have one guy that's-- in prison, it doesn't quite work out that way.

BIG ROY: No, it doesn't.

RAY HILL: Because somebody you think is a big daddy may be somebody else's mama.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: Then you don't belong to him at all. You belong to the real owner, and that gets you into a whole network of things going on. Gay people don't look like gay people in prison. And it's not about-- really attractive, smooth-skinned people are only more vulnerable if it's the warden that is exploiting. The other inmates generally don't care what you look like. Jimmy, there's hope for you and I.

JIMMY CARPER: See?

[LAUGHTER]

I can be wanted again.

RAY HILL: I could be wanted again. Of course, the only thing is that once you get into this game, you don't have a lot of decisions to make about what happens.

JIMMY CARPER: You don't have any decisions.

RAY HILL: As a matter of fact, if you ever-- I mean one of the things that I do is I train people how to survive the prison experience.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

RAY HILL: So I sit down, and I start talking about the gangs and these sucker lines that they've got. Come ride with us, and we'll protect you. Uh-uh, son, I'm going by myself, and I'm going to get out by myself. I'm ain't riding with nobody.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: All right.

JIMMY CARPER: But you've got to be able to back that up.

RAY HILL: Yes, you're absolutely.

JIMMY CARPER: If you're 120-pound little slip of a thing--

RAY HILL: No. Not really. Even if you're 120 pounds and little slip of a thing. Because if anybody's going to test you the point, you're going to have to fight for it. All you got to do is get off one good lick.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: Hit them. Hit them. And try to hurt them. And then quit because you don't want to win that fight.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: Because you don't want to win any fight when you're in prison. Because if you start winning fight, you're in the fight game.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no.

RAY HILL: And so this big guy that's trying to kick your ass here, if you do actually win that fight, then you're going to wind up with a bigger guy trying to kick your ass tomorrow. And so you don't want to get into that game. That's not how you play that game.

So the thing about it is you don't want to get into any game. You don't want to get it in the sex game. You don't want to get in the fight game. You don't want to get in the gambling game. You don't want to get in the contraband game. You don't want to get into any game because once you get into a game, there is no way out of that game. Your behavior tomorrow will be estimated by the predictions that they can make on your behavior today.

And so if you're going to get in the gambling game, I mean you're just going to get down where you're going to be betting on the bird going to shit before he flies or before he shits. And you ain't never going to have any commissary that way, all right? And so you just don't get into those games. As a matter of fact, speaking of game, do you want to play a game of chess? Just say I don't play nothing.

[LAUGHS]

Everything I do in life is as serious as a heart attack. I don't play nothing. So actually in prison, it doesn't hurt to have some wit. How I approach-- the guy that approached me look, I want some closeness here. No, no. I'm saving it for somebody that I love. And if you think I love you, crazy.

[LAUGHTER]

I mean why would I come to a Texas prison to find a husband. Give me a break.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: I see your point.

PARTICIPANT 1: Some wit and a good left hook.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

RAY HILL: And actually, I never had to fight over that. The only time I had a fight in prison was when the warden put a contract on me. And a guy came in and busted me a good lick and knocked me halfway across the room. I drew blood with the first lick. And I got up, and I went back to where he hit me. And he hit me again because I didn't get a chance to get in. And I got up, and I went back third time. And he said this mother is crazy.

[LAUGHTER]

He's got more balls in your brass monkey.

[LAUGHS]

I mean he keeps coming back for more. I ain't going to do this. If you want him whoop, you turn to the opposite. You want him whoop, you do it. I ain't to do this no more.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

RAY HILL: And when old coon finally got out, we had him on *Prison Show*.

BIG ROY: No. Ray, I want to point out when-- if you're a gay person, and you're just getting introduced to the Texas prison system.

RAY HILL: Yeah.

BIG ROY: If you're gay, can you request to be put in a segregated area or something?

RAY HILL: It's a classification issue about-- oh, I'd say 12% or 13% of my male is male from people who have requested protection status, and it's been denied them.

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh.

RAY HILL: In the case of--

BIG ROY: Roderick Johnson?

RAY HILL: --the Roderick Johnson, he clearly-- as a matter of fact, Roderick Johnson corresponded with the prison program early during his time because he found out hey, we were here. And I sent him a letter back saying follow the procedure. Roderick had made a mistake of getting involved in gang protection when he got in, and Roderick is Black. And so he got involved with one of the Black gangs.

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

RAY HILL: And they exploited him just as I anticipated that any of the gangs were-- gangs are not tough guys hanging together. Gangs are cowards manipulating weak people. And so Roderick fell into that trap, and then he couldn't get out. And because he was Black, he went to the warden and asked to be placed in protective status. And they said well, we don't put Black boys in protective status. We put White boys and everything. So they're racist in that attitude.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

RAY HILL: And I don't know about Roderick, but I have helped train some young Black men to do prison time. And it's difficult to take someone from a middle class background of educated parents and teach them how to survive as a Black person in prison because that's not, generally speaking, the Black people in prison.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

RAY HILL: The Black people in prison are people whose fathers have been to prison. The culture in prison has been part of their lives for generations. And so you have to prepare somebody for that. But of the 31 people that we have trained to survive prison, so far, none of them have been raped.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

RAY HILL: None of them have been in a serious fight. None of them have lost any good time. And those that could be reasonably expected to make parole have done so in their first occasion now. If it's a sex offender, then they're not going to make parole.

JIMMY CARPER: No. Just forget it.

RAY HILL: Or if it's a DWI.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, really?

RAY HILL: DWI people. DWI is listed by the parole department as a crime of violence.

BIG ROY: A crime of violence?

RAY HILL: Yeah. The DWI is a crime of violence.

BIG ROY: And why would they list DWI as a crime of violence?

RAY HILL: The political clout--

BIG ROY: Because an alcoholic?

RAY HILL: Political clout of MADD Mothers is why they-- political clout of MADD Mothers is why they do that.

BIG ROY: Well, the-- OK. A person-- the typical DWI person is an alcoholic. And that is an emotional or psychological problem.

JIMMY CARPER: Sure.

BIG ROY: That's not the same as somebody who likes to go around beating other people up.

RAY HILL: That's not the way the legislature sees it. And the reason the legislature sees it that way is a political organizer--

BIG ROY: I can understand the politicizing-- the political power of MADD because the second lover that I had, the one that caused me to leave California and come to Texas-- I mean my romantic history, so to speak, is quite crazy. I lost my first lover at the Stonewall Inn riots. My second--

RAY HILL: Nobody was killed at the Stonewall Inn riot.

BIG ROY: Huh?

RAY HILL: No one was killed in Stonewall Inn riot.

BIG ROY: Well, my lover, he got--

RAY HILL: He married somebody else and left you.

[LAUGHTER]

No. He got mad.

JIMMY CARPER: That's exactly right, honey. That's it.

RAY HILL: Oh, I understand that.

BIG ROY: OK. He got backed by the cops with their nightstick, and a piece of glass went through his eye into his brain.

RAY HILL: No. No one died in Stonewall riots.

BIG ROY: No, they didn't die-- he didn't die there. But he died later on because of those injuries. Well, what can you say?

RAY HILL: Roy, I'm pretty familiar with that history.

BIG ROY: I was there.

RAY HILL: OK. I was not aware, but I was aware at the time it happened. But nevertheless--

BIG ROY: At any rate.

RAY HILL: Nevertheless, I'm not interested in your whole romantic history.

BIG ROY: But then--

RAY HILL: You were married to a drunk one time.

BIG ROY: No. I wasn't.

RAY HILL: You were a drunk, married to somebody else with that.

BIG ROY: No. All right.

RAY HILL: Well, we started out talking about DWI.

BIG ROY: I California, I had a lover.

RAY HILL: Yeah.

BIG ROY: Her name is Chuey.

RAY HILL: OK.

BIG ROY: And he was killed by a drunk driver.

RAY HILL: OK.

BIG ROY: The driver back in '82 got six months.

RAY HILL: No. That would not happen in Texas today.

BIG ROY: Well, it won't happen anymore even in California 1.

RAY HILL: I mean--

BIG ROY: You get 10-- you get a mandatory minimum 10 years, I think.

RAY HILL: But the thing about it is that for purposes of parole, people that are convicted of DWIs, either multiple cases or DWI is involving the loss of life, are a low priority for being released. And that is strictly a reflection of the political clout of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers--

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

RAY HILL: --in the legislature. And they're very-- and one member of the parole board is one of the founders of Texas MADD.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

RAY HILL: And maybe when her term is up, we'll get some relief on that. But right now, drunk driving is listed for purposes of parole as a crime of violence.

BIG ROY: Now, what? You said that it has a little chance of getting parole. That's in addition to the already notoriously low parole in Porter, Texas.

RAY HILL: Well, Texas parole rate right now is a high 20s. In other words, 24%, 26%, 27% of the people that are being considered for parole in Texas will make it this time.

BIG ROY: I remember not too long ago it was much lower than that.

RAY HILL: Yeah. We got down into the teens. But the projections are that it's going to plateau out in the mid 30s because the people that do the statistics-- they're working on some changes that's going--