



Downriver Regional Veterans Treatment Court
Twenty-Eighth Judicial District
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Dear Mr. Famie:

Man...

When I first saw you on the stage today at the Mental Health Summit at the Detroit VA and put two and two together, I was giddy as a Survivor fan. The RICE! We were just speaking of you and your cast mates in the last few weeks as we await the start of the next season.

But that all went away when I watched your film segments and heard you relate your encounters and interactions with the human beings you've interviewed for your documentaries.

Clearly you have found your vocation...to put regular people's voices in front of the world to challenge us, educated us, move us, and in my case, inspire me to continue to dig deep, show up, and remind the justice-involved veterans I sit across from daily that they not only have value, but their mission here on earth is NOT finished.

Just as I have sat in church and been humbled listening to a sermon that I was SURE had been written THAT day to speak directly to MY heart and soul, you being here today at this time and place...well, I am humbled at the grace the universe showed me this morning to be able to listen to you and see the impactful work you do now.

Thank you.

From a veterans treatment court probation officer in a small court trying to help her guys stay focused on the greater mission...staying alive and discovering their own value.

Thank you.

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