Kay was 13 years old when Rodney was arrested. Today she is the mother of five children, all but one grown and the grandmother of four grandchildren with the fifth to arrive this fall.

Who (and what) is Rodney Lincoln?

Is Rodney Lincoln a "case"? Is Rodney Lincoln an "inmate"? Is Rodney Lincoln a "conviction"? Is Rodney Lincoln a "perpetrater"? Is Rodney Lincoln an "offender"? Is Rodney Lincoln a "subject" or a "suspect"? Is Rodney Lincoln a "defendent"? Is Rodney Lincoln a "client"? NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO!!!!!!!!!!! RODNEY LINCOLN IS A HUMAN BEING! He is a brother, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, an uncle, great-uncle, great-great uncle and friend. He is a poet, a writer, a thinker and a fisherman. He gives advice, shows empathy, compassion and affection. He is appreciative, gracious, grateful and loving. He feels happiness, pain, sorrow, disappointment, regret and joy. He laughs. He cries. He smiles. He gets angry. He has good days and bad days. He is honest. He is stubborn. He has a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He is talented with words, both spoken and written. He has patience. He wants to be hopeful but he is afraid to get hurt. He is a man. He wants to have a chance to be reunited with his siblings before he loses them. He wants to help raise the grandchildren of his children! He wants to cut the grass. He wants to go fishing. He wants to make a difference in the world. He is none of those "object words" so often used by the "system". He is a man and he wants to come home! One of the most important things about my father is that he has not let the tragedy of his wrongful conviction steal his humanity. I thank God for this every day.