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“How low can you go?”

Letter to the bishop...

Bishop Moultry:

Two weeks ago I was released from prison after serving thirteen years and my wife have been sending me your Bishop Speaks column all the time I’ve been behind bars.

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Now, bishop, everyone knows you keep it real so I'm also going to keep it real with you as well and may not be surprised if the Call & Post don't print what I'm about to say in regards to the sagging pants.

When I was released from prison and taken downtown to the bus station with other released inmates, I was shocked as I looked around me. I could not believe the young guys wearing their pants below their butt and many even had a belt. In prison, we could not wear a belt but the prison outfit was made to fit all the different inmates. Bishop I looked at the other guys on the bus and said, "Man, a lotta guys are giving that a--."

One guy responded, "Man, what happened?"

When I got into Cleveland, I asked my wife, "What happened that all these guys are given up that a--?"

I than explained to her what I meant as she didn't understand my question.

In the different prisons I was in, the gay guys would show their butt by sagging their prison outfit, letting you know what time it was with them and that they were willing, able, and ready for sex. Many times, if the sagging was too low, you would get a ticket which was not a good thing.

When the other inmates would see this, meaning "brothers on the down low," meaning straight, they would see that the shape and roundness of the butt reminded them of a female being their wife, girlfriend or baby's mother, and that was the reason for the sex to take place.

Bishop, my wife knows that I had sex often in prison with many of these guys sagging and I even made my own protection so I don't have AIDS and I'm not HIV positive.

Now that I'm out, I have no intention to have sex with a guy but to see all these guys sagging really makes me wonder what's up with them. A lot of guys are being released from prison that's been locked up for a long time, like me, so somebody needs to be educated on this thing so the ex-felons know what's up.

To these guys sagging, to them it might be a fashion statement but, to me and many others getting out of prison, it's something different.

I know this Bishop's Speak column on sagging is the talk of prison but it's no big deal because everyone knows what's up behind bars. It's the so called "thugs" and so called hard brothers that need to understand and address why they are walking around showing their butt out here in society. Just wanted to share this with you bishop.

Continue to keep it real bishop and I look forward to meeting you in person with my wife and family when we visit your church.