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When I came home from prison I didn't know what I wanted to do. I know I didn't want the same as my past. Once I was released to a half way house in Hartford I found the Best Chance program, I ended up taking a math test. Which I scored pretty high on. From there I ended up at MCC in the manufacturing program. It was 8-12 weeks long but it only took me 3-4 weeks to realize I wanted to do this for a career. I did a little research and found out there was a 3 part certificate program for the Advance Manufacturing Program, only 2 spots was available. I wanted 1 of those spots. So I worked hard and was chosen to fill 1 of those spots. While attending MCC I started to see a future for myself in this field. Fast forwarding, I graduated from MCC and I started working for Belcan Engineering Group. I've been there almost a year and my future looks so bright. I think the program gave me an opportunity to see life differently. Without the program I don't think I'd be where I'm at today. Today I'm happy with my choice to see this through. Soon I'll be going through the review process at work, I'm excited about it. I've never been through anything like this. My work performance will be rated as well as my attendance, work ethics and how well I work with others. 1 thing I do know is I want more out of life and I know that school is the key. So I will be going back to school soon.