



Each year prisoners with serious mental illnesses are released into communities across America. Typically, mentally ill offenders leave prison with a bus ticket, \$75, and two weeks worth of medication. Within 18 months, nearly two thirds are re arrested. FRONTLINE examines what happens to the mentally ill when they leave prison and why they return at such alarming rates. The intimate stories of *The Released*—along with interviews with parole officers, social workers, and psychiatrists—provide a rare look at the lives of the mentally ill as they struggle to stay to