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men in prison aren't in "real" relationships.

Thompson's husband is serving a 12 to 25 year prison sentence for 3rd degree murder, which she said was actually self defense. The couple dated for three months before he went to prison. They married while he was behind bars.

"I decided to go through with the marriage because I believed in him and I loved him and I felt this was our story and something we would be able to get through together. There are tough times. I don't want to give the impression that this is something that's easy to do," Floyd-Thompson said. "It's absolutely a choice I make everyday but the rewards are also great when you know that you are committed to someone and you love them enough to support them through something like this."

Her Wedding Day:

"The bride wore white. The groom wore shackles. I got to the courthouse. The people in the court all tried to make it as nice as possible and normal as could be. I was surprised. The judge had flowers for me. They had a camera. He came out from holding and we stood in front of the judge. It took about 5 minutes. He (the judge) ran through the vows portion (quickly). It was also very special because I was getting the man I had always dreamed of," said Floyd-Thompson.

Her Wedding Night:

"It was difficult. I spent the night going over letters, smelling his clothes, crazy in love things," said Floyd-Thompson.

Would He Do The Same For Her? She laughed.

"We have had this conversation many times. I would like to think that he would. He says that he would but you never know. I don't think that men are as wired to be as steadfast as women are but I'm going to air on the side of an idealist and say, "Yes he would'."

Understanding that Jailhouse Love

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HOUSTON - A dangerous Texas inmate is back behind bars and so is a woman he allegedly met on a social networking site.

Police said a Nebraska woman helped the escapee evade capture after he broke out of the Stiles Unit in Beaumont.

This is sparking a number of conversations about why a woman would get involved with a prisoner. Turns out there's a whole community of women whose significant others are behind bars.

Mattice Mayo is charged with "hindering apprehension" after prison escapee David Puckett was arrested at her Omaha, Nebraska apartment. On Mayo's Facebook she says she's "in a relationship". She also talks about how she's still waiting for "Mr. Right or Mr. Right NOW".

Puckett was allegedly in communication with Mayo using a banned cell phone while he was in prison. Prison officials said there were more than 200 phone calls to Mayo's phone from Puckett's phone that had somehow been smuggled to him in prison. Mayo is also accused of wiring Puckett money for a bus ticket after he escaped from the Stiles Unit.

Mayo isn't alone. Women all across the country are involved in relationships with men who are in prison. WriteAPrisoner.com is dedicated specifically to fixing up inmates. It's sort of a Facebook for prisoners where women can become pen pals with prisoners.

Reesy Floyd-Thompson is the founder of the group "Prisoners' Wives, Girlfriends and Partners". The 39-year-old Floyd-Thompson said cases like this, where a woman is accused of doing something like aiding an escapee, adds to the stereotype that women involved with

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Relationship expert D. Ivan Young said, overwhelmingly, its women who marry men in prison and not the other way around. There's a stereotype that these women usually have low self-esteem, but Young said that isn't the case.

It's in a woman's nature to nurture, even if that means nurturing a relationship where their other half is locked behind bars. Young also said prison wives come from all races and financial backgrounds. He said the relationships almost always fail once the man is released from prison.

As for Puckett and Mayo, they are being held without bond. Puckett is expected to be extradited back to Texas where he escaped from prison last week. The 27-year-old is serving a 30 year sentence for Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer.

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