

NINE YEARS and SIX MONTHS AGO : RED CIRCLE CORRECTIONAL

SO...

NO  
WAY,  
HUH?

NO--  
I'M  
SORRY,  
CARTER.



YOUR TRIAL WAS A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED ONE--EVERYONE KNOWS OF YOUR MISDEEDS WHILE SERVING AS ONE OF RED CIRCLE'S FINEST. IT WOULD UPSET TOO MANY LOCAL OFFICIALS IF OUR **NEWLY** APPOINTED GOVERNOR REMITTED YOUR SENTENCE NOW...

I THOUGHT GOVERNOR MEYER WAS A CROOK! IF THE CITY **REALLY** WANTED A GOOD, CLEAN LEADER, THEN **BOWDEN** WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED AFTER ONLY FOUR MONTHS IN OFFICE.

YOU **KNOW** HOW THIS WORKS, CARTER...MEYER WANTS TO **APPEAR** AS A GOOD MAN-- A "MAN OF THE PEOPLE"...

SO, I'M EVER TO REMAIN THE DEPARTMENT SCAPE GOAT, A DEPARTMENT **FILLED** WITH BIGGER CROOKS THAN ME.

