

# PRISON DIARIES

For six months, five teenagers in prison, four correctional officers, and a judge used tape recorders to keep audio journals, recording the sounds and scenes of everyday life behind bars. The product, when whittled down by **Crime and Communities Media Fellow Joe Richman**, was *Prison Diaries*, a radio documentary project that aired on National Public Radio. As described in a feature story in the *New York Times*, Richman was looking for “a handful of inmates and corrections officers who would reveal their lives in their own words—no reporter, no narrator, no middleman to corrupt them.”

