KALW, a public radio station in San Francisco, has led classes in San Quentin State Prison since 2012, and Solano State Prison since 2018. Participants learn how to make powerful audio stories. They record honest conversations about the struggles and triumphs of people behind prison walls. Then, they edit those interviews themselves, using industry-standard equipment and software. The finished product goes out on KALW’s airwaves, kalw.org, prison TV systems, and the award-winning podcast Uncuffed.

The producers say: “Uncuffed is vulnerable and personal. If you can see the humanity in us, you can see the humanity in everyone. We’ve got the mic, and we’re telling our own stories.”

Our goal is to transform the criminal justice system by elevating the voices of incarcerated people.

- In March 2020, the Uncuffed producers at Solano recorded a special episode about Covid-19, which had begun to spread in California. Their memories of previous disease outbreaks shed light on what a new lockdown would mean. The conversation was featured in Reveal and other national media. This was the last story we were able to record inside before the coronavirus lockdown.

- In July 2020, we released a special episode featuring people with loved ones in prison. They recorded heartfelt letters addressed to their sons, fathers, partners, and friends whom they hadn’t been able to visit in months as the pandemic threatened their lives. Highlights appeared in the podcasts Snap Judgment and The California Report.
He is also pursuing a college degree and is a facilitator of many self-help groups. As a journalist, his goal is to give incarcerated people a platform to express themselves as well as give the public an accurate account of prison life.

When he is not producing, Greg is living out his basketball dreams. Despite 26 years of incarceration and being 47 years old, Greg still has a little game left.