

In the fall of 2004, Eddie Ray Hall was being released from the hoosegow – again. A Spokane Valley career criminal with a record longer than a lariat, Eddie Ray had the makings of country music gold. Johnny Cash’s famed, “I Walk the Line,” in particular.

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The Ballad of Eddie Ray Hall

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I keep my eyes glued on this stuff of mine.
Ever since I heard he’d done his time.
Get ready for a tidal wave of crime.
Back out this fall – Eddie Ray Hall.

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In the Valley everybody knows his name.
He’s a shoo-in for the Felon’s Hall of Fame.
When something’s missing, cops know who to blame.
One crook stands tall – Eddie Ray Hall.

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If you come home and find your door ajar.
Best not poke your head in very far.
Or you just might feel the crunch of a crowbar.
You’ll crawl and crawl – Eddie Ray Hall.

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He’d take the motor off your motor boat.
He’d your piggy bank and mamma’s new fur coat.
He’d snatch the whiskers off a Billy goat.
He’ll steal it all – Eddie Ray Hall.

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He was first arrested when he was 16.
It’s no mystery as to what made Eddie mean.
Heroin. Methamphetamines.

And alcohol – Eddie Ray Hall.

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While breaking into a store he nearly died.

A gunman put five holes in Eddie's hide.

It could have been The End, but he survived.

A close, close call – Eddie Ray Hall.

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So lock him up and throw away the key.

Before he pulls another larceny.

He's a menace to society.

Incorrigible – Eddie Ray Hall.

He's back this fall – Eddie Ray Hall.