

Dear Residents of Corning, Tehama County, and People of California,
Twelve years ago, I helped kill a man on the outskirts
of Corning. His name was Steven Lewis Carey.

As I recall, the news of Steve's murder shocked the
community and likely saddened Steve's friends and family. News
of my involvement certainly shocked, embarrassed, and saddened
my own family.

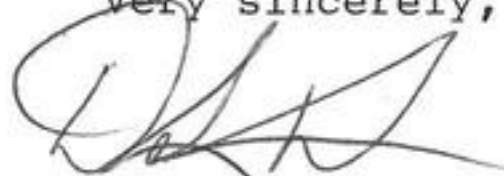
Prior to Steve's death, I never knew him personally.
Everything I knew of him I had recently heard from others.
I did not hod a grudge against him, had no legitimate reason
to hate him, and surely no right to kill him. Rather, my actions
were the direct result of my drug abuse and misguided loyalty
to friends.

That said, I can offer no excuses for my actions. Afterall,
what excuse is there for murdering a man in cold blood? With
this letter I seek only to admit the exact nature of one of
my many wrongs and make direct amends to whom I have hurt, in
this case, the people of my community. I am sorry for and
ashamed of my actions. And as much as I long for forgiveness,
I shall not place such a burden on any one.

In a series of horrible decisions, I destroyed a life,
wrecked countless others, and shocked, shamed and saddened an
entire society. I am rightly judged and punished for my behavior.

I sincerely regret all the hurt and expense I have caused
you all. If it were within my power to do so, I would certainly
take it all back, even heaping it upon myself at your command.
The best I can do, however, is promise that, while I yet live,
I will never betray your trust again.

Very sincerely,



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