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Dear Anonymous:

Thank you so much for your comments. I really appreciate it when one of my blogs is read by someone related to Dick Endres who does not know what really happened in April 1984 when Dick lost his life.

Let me assure you, I am sorry that I was the cause of Dick's death and I am sorry for all the pain his passing has caused you and everyone else who knew and loved him.

And I am willing to take responsibility for what I did: I caused the death of a man who I did not know who was in a mindless rage for no apparent reason and who attacked me without provocation. The attack was so sudden and so vicious I didn't have time to think. I just reacted to the attack. I panicked, pulled a knife and started stabbing and slashing at him frantically to get away from him.

Ask Ron to tell you what really happened that night - not the lies he told at the trial, but the truth. Ron dragged Dick out to Sun Prairie under false pretenses to do his fighting for him. There was nothing going on at Shirley's apartment until Ron and Dick showed up and Dick attacked me.

Had Ron told the truth at the trial he would have had his parole revoked and he would have been sent back to prison. Instead, he made up a pack of lies to make himself look like a hero when in fact he was the instigator of Dick's attack on me. Ask him to tell you the truth. It has been 29 years. Maybe he now has the courage to let the truth come out.

Even though I caused Dick's death, I did not intend to kill him. No one else was in that hallway that night. No one knows what happened there but me. I told the truth at the trial. Ron lied and said he went down the hallway to rescue his brother. Had the jury not chosen to believe Ron's lies I never would have spent one day in prison. I often pray to God to touch Ron's heart so he will come forward and tell the truth. Then I can go home.

I have a daughter and 3 grandchildren who need me in their lives. My daughter was 5 years old when I was sent to prison based on Ron's lies. Let my daughter have her father back. Let my grandchildren get to know their grandfather. Let me have the life back that Ron's lies stole from me.

As for forgiveness, I long ago forgave Ron and the other witnesses for the lies they told at my trial. Perhaps one day you and the rest of Dick's family will forgive me even though I continue to insist on telling the truth about what happened.