

JULY 10, 2014: 3:30pm: WATCHING CNN HEAD LINE NEWS

HI MATT, HOW ARE YOU? IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU TODAY. TODAY WAS NOT A GOOD DAY. A MAN WENT & KILLED 2 ADULTS & 4 LITTLE KIDS IN TEXAS. THE ONLY ONE WHO SURVIVED FROM THE FAMILY IS A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL. MY HEART & PRAYERS GO OUT TO THIS FAMILY. THIS POOR TEENAGE GIRL FIGHTS FOR HER LIFE IN THE HOSPITAL & HER ENTIRE FAMILY WAS JUST KILLED. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY OWN SADNESS FOR THIS FAMILY. I JUST CAN'T FATHOM WHY OR HOW SOMEONE COULD KILL A CHILD. IT'LL ALWAYS BE A SENSELESS MYSTERY TO ME. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I SPENT THE DAY FINALIZING THE SALE I RAN FOR THE CHURCH IN HERE & WE RAISED ABOUT \$1,500 FOR A LOCAL FOOD BANK THEN I COME BACK TO MY CELL FOR THIS. NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT RESPONDING RIGHT AWAY. I UNDERSTAND PEOPLE HAVE LIVES. YOU GET BUSY, YOU HAVE PRIORITIES. I HOPE YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT YOUR PROBLEMS WITH YOUR GIRL. THANK FOR THE NAME, HEATHER JERASAH, I DON'T REMEMBER THE NAME & I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HER SINCE SO I ASKED MY BROTHER TO LOOK HER UP FOR ME ON FACEBOOK. MAYBE I'LL HEAR FROM HER SOON. YOU'RE RIGHT, "SHOOTING HOOPS" IS NOT A GOOD TITLE. YOU WANT YOUR TITLE TO BE CATCHY SO PEOPLE WOULD SEE IT & BE DRAWN IN TO LOOK AT THE BOOK, BUT NOT TOO OFFENSIVE. MY FAMILY IN ITALY, CHRISTINE, SHE WROTE A BOOK. IT'S CALLED "ABBRACIA UN ALBERO PER ME" IN ENGLISH IT'S CALLED "HUG A TREE FOR ME". IN MY EYES, THAT MEANS, HUG A TREE FOR ME, WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN, SO I WOULD PULL THE BOOK FROM THE SHELF TO SEE. I AM GOING TO INCLUDE THE COMPUTER PRINT OUT OF THE COVER OF THE BOOK WITH THIS SO EVERYONE CAN SEE IT. CHRISTINE SPENT A FEW YEARS WRITING HER BOOK, GETTING IT PROOF READ BY FRIENDS TO BE SURE HER ITALIAN WAS 100% PERFECT. & THOUGH I HAVEN'T READ IT, I AM VERY PROUD OF HER FOR FINALLY GETTING HER FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED. I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BRINGING A BOOK TO LIFE, CHRISTINE'S BOOK WAS DONE IN ITALY, BUT IF YOU GET THIS DONE, I DEFINITELY WANT TO READ IT. WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE? DID YOU KNOW MY SIBLINGS, DAWN OR JERRY? ANYWAY, PRISON CAN BE A TOUGH PLACE. YOU DON'T HAVE PEOPLE IN HERE WHO COME IN GOOD. THEY MUST LEARN, GROW & CHANGE TO BECOME BETTER PEOPLE. & NOT ALL DO. IT TOOK A FEW THINGS TO PUT ME ON THE PATH TO CHANGE. THE GYM & CHURCH WERE 2 KEY FACTORS. THE GYM KEEPS YOU BUSY, GIVES YOU SOMETHING TO FOCUS ON, THE CHURCH HELPS TO GIVE YOU A PURPOSE. BUT THAT WAS WHAT HELPED GET ME STARTED. IN HERE, YOU CANNOT LOSE FOCUS. THE GOAL IS TO BE A BETTER MAN NOW THEN YOU WERE WHEN YOU CAME HERE. & I WAS 21, I WASN'T A MAN, I WAS A FOOLISH KID. A KID WHO I KNEW EVERYTHING, A KID WHO THOUGHT I COULD HANDLE ANYTHING. I WAS SO WRONG. BUT YOU LIVE & YOU LEARN. I AM LEARNING TO BE A BETTER MAN, I HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON MY RELATIONSHIP WITH

MY DAUGHTER. A CHILD SHOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF WHO THEIR PARENTS ARE. SO I ATLEAST OWE IT TO MY DAUGHTER TO DO MY BEST FOR HER. I OWE IT TO ALOT OF PEOPLE, THE LIST GOES ON & ON. YOU CAN PROBABLY GO ON LINE & GOOGLE GETTING A BOOK PUBLISHED & IT'LL PROBABLY TELL YOU STEP BY STEP. WISH I COULD BE OF MORE HELP. I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN THE DEATH PENALTY. I NEVER KNEW HOW FLAWED THE SYSTEM WAS UNTIL I KILLED A MAN & HAD TO LIVE IN IT. I NEVER REALIZED THAT THE COURT SYSTEM IS DESIGNED AGAINST ANYONE WHO IS ARRESTED. LETS SAY YOU ARE ARRESTED FOR MURDER. LETS SAY YOU DIDN'T DO IT. BUT YOUR TRIAL LASTED 6 WEEKS. EVEN WHEN YOU ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY, YOU STILL OWE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN COURT COSTS & FEES. IF YOU HAD A PRIVATE ATTORNEY YOU GO BROKE PAYING THEM. YOU WILL BE IN DEBT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY GOTTEN A BETTER DEFENSE FROM THE BUCKS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. BUT MY FAMILY WASTED THEIR SAVINGS HIRING AN ATTORNEY WHO LIED TO US ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE. ANYWAY, YOU ARE RIGHT, IT'S NOT EASY TO DEAL WITH THE MOODY PRISONERS & WHEN A GUARD IS OUT TO GET YOU, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO. & IT DOES HAPPEN TO PEOPLE EVERY DAY. MONEY IS THE MAIN FOCUS IN HERE. THE PRISONERS TRY TO HUSTLE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY, ALL DAY LONG, FOR MONEY, & THE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS COME UP WITH LEGAL WAYS TO EXTORT MONEY FROM US. WE ARE OVER CHARGED FOR EVERYTHING. FROM A BOX OF DENTAL FLOSS TO A PHONE CALL, WE ARE OVER CHARGED. BUT THE D.O.C. HAS DOZENS OF LAWYERS ON THEIR SIDE ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR THEM & HAVE NOTHING. SO OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS SUFFER ALONG WITH US. RIGHT NOW THE COST OF A PHONE CALL IN PA IS JUST OVER \$5 FOR 15 MINUTES. I COULD BITCH & COMPLAIN MATT BUT LETS BE REAL, I KILLED A MAN & YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GET AWAY WITH THAT. IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT HE ATTACKED ME FIRST, I STILL ENDED ANOTHER MANS LIFE. & AFTER AWHILE, THAT BEGINS TO EAT AT YOU INSIDE. I'VE GROWN TO BE A PRETTY GOOD PERSON BUT DOES THAT EVER EQUAL OUT IN THE END? DOES IT EVER CANCEL OUT ALL THE BAD SHIT I'VE DONE IN MY LIFE? SOMETIMES I DESPISE MY CONSCIENCE, BUT I ALSO EMBRACE IT BECAUSE IT'S WHAT MAKES ME HUMAN & SEPARATES ME FROM MAN & BEAST. I'LL END WITH THIS, NICCOLO MACHIABELLI WROTE SOME VERY FAMOUS QUOTES, & ONE I LIKE BEST IS THIS: OUR PRIMAL INSTINCTS INSTILL IN US THE ABILITY TO CONVERT FROM MAN TO BEAST; & I ADD MY OWN TO THAT, BUT ONE MUST KNOW HOW TO RETURN TO BEING A MAN. IN HERE, SOME GUYS GO DOWN A DARK PATH & THEY NEVER RETURN. I COULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE MEN. MY CONSCIENCE DIDN'T ALLOW ME TO SO DESPITE THE PAIN IT CAUSES, I EMBRACE IT. A TRUE COLD HEARTED KILLER WILL NEVER EMBRACE HIS/HER CONSCIENCE. THEY DON'T HAVE ONE NOR DO THEY NEED ONE. TAKE CARE MATT & I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN. GOD BLESS, CIAO.

