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JULY 27, 2016: 4:00pm: LISTENING TO: STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT BY: FRANK SINATRA

DEAR JAMIE,

I LISTEN TO FRANK SINATRA BECAUSE IT REMINDS ME OF MY NONNO (GRANDPOP), HE WAS A VERY GOOD MAN WHO I WISH I HAD TURNED OUT LIKE. HI JAMIE, WELL YOUR NAME IS COMMON AMONG MEN & WOMEN SO I DO NOT KNOW WHICH ONE YOU ARE. SORRY IF THIS IS SHORT BUT THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HEARING FROM YOU, I HOPE IT'S NOT THE LAST TIME. YOU SAID IT'S HARD TO DECIDE A PUNISHMENT FOR SOMEONE WHO KILLED SOMEONE ELSE. MY LANDLORD WANTED TO HAVE SEX WITH ME. PROBLEM WAS, I HAD A FIANCE & HE WAS A MAN. THE ONLY PHYSICAL THING HE DID TO ME WAS PUNCH ME 1 TIME. HE WAS 5+ INCHES TALLER THEN ME AT MY 5'9 160lbs, HE WAS ATLEAST 100 POUNDS HEAVIER THEN ME. I WAS 21 YEARS OLD. I HIT HIM WITH A HAMMER 2 TIMES. REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE PATHOLOGIST SAD, I HIT HIM TWICE, THE 2ND TIME IT KILLED HIM. OUT OF FEAR, PANIC, & AFTER TALKING TO MY COUSIN IT WAS DECIDED THAT I GET RID OF THE BODY. SO I DISMEMBERED HIM & BEGAN COVERING UP MY CRIME. I WAS A 21 YEAR OLD KID WHO HAD SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE ALREADY IN JAILS, I HAD AN ATTITUDE PROBLEM, A HUGE CHIP ON MY SHOULDER, I BELIEVED I WAS BETTER THAN EVERYONE. I HAD NO REAL CONSCIENCE, NO REAL COMPASSION FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN MY OWN FAMILY. I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT HURTING PEOPLE. I WAS A MISERABLE PERSON WHO THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS AGAINST ME & OUT TO GET ME. I AM NO SAINT, I AM NO MODEL PRISONER, BUT I GREW UP. I GREW A HEART, A CONSCIENCE, I FOUND COMPASSION, I FEEL GUILT, REGRETS, THINGS I HAVE NEVER FELT BEFORE. DIDN'T KNOW I WAS CAPABLE OF FEELING LIKE THIS. I HAVE HELPED RAISE MANY THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR CHARITY (I WAS PRESIDENT & AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE JAYCEES FOR 5 YEARS). GOOGLE "JAYCEES" & IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE, IT WILL SHOW YOU. I RAN THE "ALTAR ROCK" CHAPTER. ANYWAY, I AM ON MY ROAD TO BEING A BETTER HUMAN BEING, A BETTER MAN. IF IT WERE YOUR DECISION, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU TO GRANT ME A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE IN THE OUTSIDE? I HAVE BEEN HERE 18 YEARS NO NEXT MONTH. MY MOM IS DYING, MY FIANCE WAS KILLED HERSELF BUT HER KILLER WAS NEVER CHARGED. MY DAUGHTER LIVES WITHOUT A FATHER. WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO SEE IN ME OR FROM ME FOR ME TO EVER GET OUT AGAIN? I'D BE VERY INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT. WELL YOU TAKE CARE, I HAVE TO RESPOND TO SOME MISERABLE WOMAN WHO HAS BEEN PUTTING ME DOWN FOR A YEAR NOW. DROP ME A LINE & LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID. FEEL FREE TO ASK ME WHAT YOU MIGHT NEED TO KNOW. WOULD MY CHILDHOOD MATTER? MY TEENAGE YEARS? YOU DECIDE? GOD BLESS. CIAO.

PS: I AM NOT TRYING TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE BRUTALITY OF MY CRIME. BUT SOCIETY DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT WHY DID THIS HAPPEN, WHY WAS I ABANDONED AS A YOUNG TEEN BY SOCIETY. PEOPLE FORGET THAT THE SYSTEM PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HOW ALOT OF US TURN OUT. SOCIETY GAVE UP ON ME WHEN I WAS STILL JUST A CHILD. I NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE. SO WHEN I FINALLY GROW UP TO BE A GOOD MAN, WHY DO I HAVE TO ROT IN HERE? LET ME OUT WHEN I AM TOO OLD TO DO ANYTHING POSITIVE. IF I CAN BE REDEEMED, IF I AM SALVAGABLE, WHY NOT RELEASE ME WHEN I CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE? JUST SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.