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Michael,

I got the comments you left on the blog a month ago. They were sent to me rather quickly but I didn't know how to, or even if I should respond. My initial reaction was shock in all honesty. I'm assuming you left the comments knowing they'd get to me & you seek closure. The easiest thing for me to do would be to ignore your comments & you, but there's no opportunity for growth in that so here I am. In 2 days it will be 24 yrs. since that December night so long ago & honestly, at times, I've reflexively thought of that night, but not reflectively, until now. 12-24-18 will be the 25th anniversary of my uncle's murder so I know what it's like to lose a loved one at a time for family. And like you, experiencing it was something that propelled me down a destructive path. You know as criminals, it's often easy to identify with the pain others have caused you while compartmentalizing the pain you've caused others. I like to believe that the pain that once fueled my anger as a teen, now fuels my compassion as a man. And if there's anything I can do to help you attain the closure you seek, I'll do. I'm currently in Ad-seq but when I get out I'll send you an e-mail invite & if you accept it, you can send me a # or e-mail & I'll answer any questions you may have for me. My thoughts & prayers will be w/you & your family during this holiday season. That's a first, but huge step for me & I thank you for helping me realize the necessity of taking it.

Respectfully,

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