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Dee,

3-17-25

I was happy to hear from you again - though surprised at reading your recollection of our parting - seems I did not make as big an impression on you as I had hoped or thought.

I remember going back to Missoula in 1989 and checking in on you - you and your mother had just come back from shopping and I was waiting in your driveway.

We spoke for a bit and you told me you had reunited with your previous boyfriend and were in fact planning to be married -

my hope of rekindling what I thought was a deeper relationship than you felt was turned down -

I guess I read more into it than you were feeling and I apologize if I made you uncomfortable - I was young and in love.

So, yeah, there was a lot of darkness in my past even before we met. I was abused throughout



my childhood, sexually, emotionally, and in ways that left deep scars.

Despite my crime, I was not a violent person - broken, confused and spiritually lost to be sure - but mostly lonely, heartbroken, and completely out of touch with "normal"

After many years in prison spent reading and learning about psychology I was better able to understand how I had grown into the person who acted out the way I did, and I was able to see the patterns and then address them, changing the way I look at the world and my place in it.

I am here, this is my responsibility, I am paying for what I have done, but more importantly, changing and becoming the man I want to be.

I can never change what I've done but I can continue to be the best version of myself moving forward.

I hope you continue to stay in touch and that all is well with you, tell me about yourself and what you've been



up to - Share what you're

comfortable with - ask what

you're curious about, and feel

free to tell a joke or two - your

smile always made me feel good

An interesting fact about life

is we all look back wondering

how things would have turned out

if different decisions had been made -

mine is no different, I've wondered

how I could have improved what

we had - but the "would of, could of,

should of" can be a painful game too,

so - for now, I am simply glad

you decided to reach out.

Hope to hear from you again

Love,  
Denny