

Dear Class

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The only photo I have is this copy of a Ant street photo. yellowed. As soon as I get more I will send a clearer one. Typical photo. out of focus and color. We pay \$1.50 each and get crap. Off well!

As to your questions:

#1 This was my first phone conversation with a class room. First conference call with anyone other than lawyers working my cases.

I think it went well. Not enough time to get to all of it. And there is just too stuff to cover it all.

Last year I was sent letters from the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Professor: Scott Culhane conducted the ongoing interview dealing with many many questions. I would answer the student's personal questions and send them back to them so the class.

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They were to type all of the questions up and document my answers. I suspect they

Will use the information to go over year after year.

#2 Why Help the class - Any class?

I find it that most people see law and order like it is taught to them through our parents and what is on TV. That it is right or wrong, Black or White. Either you are a liar or not, Guilty or innocent. We see it in layman's terms. Period.

But law today is more than right or wrong. There are middle grounds that we call grey areas. I feel a need to show people that there is problems in the system. From all sides.

Doing what is right is not just for us suspects. But all who represent the law and order as well.

My Bennett case is unique. But by all means not an isolated case. There are hundreds of these cases out there to show problems exist. I feel that most suspects will hide behind the law in order to milk society out of their accountability. So often their on-going appeals keep them lying to us all about their guilt. Hard to find anyone like me who is willing to open up to teach people there is more to a crime than a report.

What I have to offer is myself. An open Book. Not every thing is as it seems. Not all true crime writers tell it as it should be. Stories are told for several reasons. On both sides.

Recently I have gotten to that point in

my cases when nothing matters any more because no one wants to come after me anymore.

My lawyer told me back on November 8th, 1995 that I should not tell the truth in my cases. To hide the fact that premeditation is frowned on. Should I say I deliberately killed my victim, that the following cases could be taken to trial instead of a settlement. So I lied to Marion County in the Pentland case saying she changed me double and that pissed me off. In reality, she asked to be killed and I fulfilled her request. And stories were told to entice Santa Clara County into dealing with me on the actual drug overdose. You know that the only reason that case is mine is because I lost a flashlight when I threw the body away? And I never mentioned it, they would never call it mine and she would be classified as overdose.

The case is like the Bennett murder because it shows us that any story-line can be used to say what happened to the victim. And it will be used to settle the case. Regardless if it is or is not the truth. As long as it is believed to be the story, the case will be closed.

I open up to the class in a hope to help me explain me to you - let you find out the truth, not hide behind any laws. Expose what really is Keith Jaspersen. And if what I can tell you helps you become more aware of just how the laws can work for or against you, then it is worth it. You are the future of law and order. Through your new careers, hopefully what I've shared with you will make a difference in how you see your job; Do your job.

#3

My cell is about seven feet wide and nine feet deep. Ceiling is eight feet up there, I live with a cello. Terry Ring #7949078. In for Robbery - Home invasions + many counts. Could do 60 years in all if they make him do it. Early release is five years away. He has done 20 years or so. We've been celloes for about four years. I have the lower bunk. We have a sink and toilet against the back wall. A desk against the opposite wall. He works as a tier-orderly. I work in the yard. Terry looks like Santa Claus. Beard and belly and all. White hair - But a year younger than me.

Morning Bell comes at 5:15 Am. Breakfast from 5:30 to 6:45 Am. We open our Bunk doors and walk to the Dining room and find a seat at an area. Lots of gangs and ethnic groups claim certain tables. Each meal is like a Smorgas Board^(S). .. We can pick our food.

Terry goes to work at 7:15 Am. I go to work 7:45 Am. Yard comes in at 9:15 Am. I clean up the trash and usually is the last inmate off the yard. Normally about five hundred other inmates are in the yard during yard.

Morning count is 10:30 Am. I do cart from about 10:00 Am to when I go to lunch. 11:30^{Am} to 12:45 pm. If I go. Afternoon yard is 1:15 pm to 3:30 pm. What is there to do at there?

3 Fullsize Basketball courts - 2 outside 1 inside
 2 Shuffleboard Tables, 5 pool tables, 2 Pool Ball tables,
 8 Horseshoe pits with steel shoes, 18 hole putt-putt golf course, Volleyball court, 6 Handball courts, 2 Full weight lifting areas, 2 Base Ball diamonds - fields, 40 pitches, 20

Card tables inside, 20 outside card tables, Sports television set and grandstand, 2 large screen movie television sets and bleachers; not to forget we get live Bands coming in in the summer, A custom car and Rod shop and a Hobby shop.

The prison has several industries to go to work in. Furniture Factory, Welding shop, Laundry. And the various clubs upstairs in activities section. We used to have boxing areas to settle disputes in. We have Soda and coffee machines in the yard. A Quarter mile paved walking and runners track. Lots to do. They use the Baseball fields as a soccer field in the winter time.

Afternoon count is 4:00 pm. Mail comes to me at this moment.

Supper is 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Late night yard (Summer) Card room (Winter) is at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Usually I do my art before and after supper. And sometimes at 2:00 Am I draw when it is quiet.

44 When I talked to you, I was in Dodson's office. Sitting on a chair dressed in my prison Blues. No shackles - no cuffs... Blue jeans - Tee shirt - Boots. Before you called, we were having a conversation about life in general. Like two guys at a meeting. No guards to watch us... me...

45 I mentioned to inmates that I was a case study for a University. They ask if I was getting paid to do it. When I say "no," they tell me I'm wasting my time with you. Most believe that our time is best suited not talking

about what we did unless we get paid good for it. Most inmates just want to forget about why they are here. And move on. Some resent me for telling you about me. Why? They are jealous or feel the more I talk, the more heat is put on them as well. My cellie sees it as something good may come of it if the Bennett case is exposed to everyone. We both hope it is published and allowed to be talked about in every University that studies law in this country. I really hope so because I'm getting really tired of writing it all at every time a student asks the same questions.

#6 Photo included...

#7 you mentioned the press was there during the conference call. Any chance you can send me the story they did on it? A couple copies of it? Curious their take on the whole thing. Can you? as the class?

you mentioned you wanted to purchase Art from me. I'm Hoping you will. It will help me these holidays for sure.

Have enjoyed this experience with you. And I'm sure Nadia Ferroni will also be satisfied with your input. Hope all I gave you will someday be useful in your careers.

As for John and Lawrence, they should have requested a new trial. I agree with you there. But at the time, they could see daylight and stepped out of the darkness as quickly as possible.

Money issues? A new trial would put egg on faces. Money wasn't the real issue. Saving face was. And Lawrence's lawyer pushed for a new trial under new evidence, it would have taken several months to achieve. And lots of press to dig into it. Multnomah County wanted this embarrassment to go away. All of Oregon's County courts needed it to go away as quietly as possible. I would bet that if a new-evidence hearing was held, the judge would have to have had to order a new trial. Leaving the prosecutors to deal their way out of it with money. A pay off probably would have been met on both sides and the same results would have been ordered. And who is to say it didn't happen — Pauliac taking a settlement not to ask for a new trial???

I sit here wondering about it all. But I know I did my part in getting them out of prison, providing them and their lawyers the information to do so. But felt gut of that everyone writing about the case were hiding the real issues. There should have been more of a discussion on why it happened in the first place. Multnomah DA's and Detectives should also be held accountable for their actions. Not just us suspects...

Well, that is about it from here. Feel free to continue this correspondence.

Respectfully

Happy Holidays

Lee