

March, 16th, 2023

Dear Mr. Riggs,

May this letter find you swiftly & in the very best of health & spirits. I've very recently been given the letter you reached out to me in dated the 8th of this month (March), 2023, and asking for an interview with me after reading my Book; "Within The Shadows of Life".

Before receiving your letter an officer came around to get me to sign a form agreeing to meeting with you, that was signed and dated on the 15th of this month. I will reach out to the Public Information Officer for TDCJ, Mr. Robert Hurst. I have no problem with meeting with you and discussing things with you, under one condition please. Do not take everything I share with you and twist my words around, if you're going to do this, then i'll take a pass. I already hold enough guilt about my actions that took the lives of the people that night in 2004. I don't need nor want anyone to bring it all up and cast an even darker shadow upon my being, because like you, and the victims family, I too have family and they shouldn't be blasted with my wrong doing. The young man that did this horrible crime back then in 2004 is NOT the same man that you want to interview here at the Polunsky Unit's Death Row.

As far as that book, it was a first and there are many typo's and I'm currently at work on a faith based book for Teens and that book you currently have is being Revised and will be added into the newest book I'm working on with the same Publishing company. I sincerely understand what you're wanting to do with this interview, but please, let us both think about the victims and all involved. Do we really for the sake of T.V. want to drag everything back into the light when in truth we should allow sleeping dogs to remain as they are? Will this interview bring them any closer to a closure for my stupid actions, knowing that all we're doing is igniting their pain once again? We could better communicate with one another if you were to open up a Securus Technologies account and then you & I could eMessage/email one another back and forth faster than this letter writing through the snail mail. Either way, Mr. Riggs, I will meet with you, but please don't make me out to be like the rest, as if i'm some evil being, when in truth i'm not. I just made a mistake and poor judgement and there is not a day that goes by that I don't beat myself up over it and wish that there was a rewind button so I could return to that night and walk away, or be like Jesus and raise the dead, but I cannot and, for that I sincerely apologize to you and the victims and everyone that was involved back then and are currently involved today. Like you, for

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security reasons a copy of this letter is going to my lawsuit lawyers at the address below. If you have any further questions you may also reach me at the below address, just please refrain from placing a return address sticker as it delay'd my getting your letter until this afternoon. Thank you, for your time and consideration in this letter. May you have a safe and blessed day.

Sincerely,
Richard L. Tabler

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. L. Tabler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a long, thin, curved line that extends to the right across the page.

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