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My life changed 25 years ago. It changed because of one man. When I found out that he was to be released, I fell apart. My first thoughts were of the other victims. Do they know?

I feel that the sentence he has served so far is not long enough. After all, I pay every day for what he did to me. It never goes away. He should to have pay for what he has done to me.

So I reached out to find other victims. I felt that maybe together we could do something to stop him from getting out. If I had not done that, I do not feel confident that the DA would have made the motion that they have made to try to commit him civilly. They told me they did not know he was to be released until they read my story in the newspaper, in which I disclosed that I found out that he was going to be released November 16th. I do realize that this happened 25 years ago, but to me it is like yesterday, and today I'm at a turning point in my life where I have always seen other victims of rape and thought to myself how can they have so much peace?" I've struggled so much these 35 years and believe I have come to a place of strength and taken back some of the power Quarles has so cruelly taken from me. When I saw him in chains I thought how fitting, thinking of when he came into our hotel room in the middle of the night with a knife saying "we are going to play some games." As if my life and my boyfriend's life were toys to him. It took so much of me and today I am standing up and taking back. I am taking a deep breath and again putting my faith in the D.A. to keep him locked away so he can no longer hurt or play with people's lives. We are talking about a serial rapist. If he is released would you want him as your neighbor next to your family?

This should not be happening, he should still be in prison serving another 25 years and I should know that I am safe from him and not feel that I have to look over my shoulder if and when he will be released back into the community.

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