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GREG PIEROTTI. And what if Father Roger were here with us. Could you look him in the eye and honestly tell him you don't feel remorse for Matt?

AARON MCKINNEY. I'd have to. I would never wanna have to do that. You know how I feel about Father Roger. But I couldn't look him in the eye and not ... I'd have to tell the truth. I do have remorse, but like I said, for all the wrong reasons. For my dad. For ending up in here. For getting Russ stuck in here. *(Beat.)* If I could go back and not be the one who killed him I would ... But I am better off in here, myself. I'm doin' way better in here than I ever was out there. I met guys in here with a real sense of honor. Out there, people'll stab you in the back for a nickel bag. Besides, I am a criminal. I should be around criminals. I always was drawn that way. Shit, I remember crawling through people's doggie doors when I was eight years old to steal their shit. I don't know why, but I was always like this. Nature trumps nurture.

GREG PIEROTTI. Did you see your son ever, since the murder?

AARON MCKINNEY. Never seen him since I was locked up.

GREG PIEROTTI. ... Um, OK. Well, I think we're running out of time, Aaron. Before I leave you, I know you say you're never gonna get out of here. But if you did get out, if you were going to get out, where would you go?

AARON MCKINNEY. Shit, I don't know. Italy, maybe or Germany. I am really interested in Germany. But I probably couldn't go there 'cause I heard you can actually get arrested for some of the tattoos I have. I got some swastikas, and I got "NAZI" across my lower back, in big Old English lettering — looks amazing. I heard they'll put you in jail for that now in Germany. Italy's beautiful though — I would definitely like to see Italy. I used to always watch the travel channel in Texas and whenever they'd show Italy I always liked those the best. They don't have that channel here — we only got maybe ten channels here. I'd really like to see New York too. I like skyscrapers and you all got the most. That's where you're from, right? You guys are lucky. You got the best skyline. I wish I could go to NY and look at the skyscrapers from the water.

GREG PIEROTTI. Yeah, I really love New York. It's pretty great there. Well, Aaron, thank you so much for seeing me.

AARON MCKINNEY. Sure, man, like I said, any friend of Father Roger's. Take it easy.

GREG PIEROTTI. You too. Take it easy.