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I'm James Smallwood #330001 and I'm in prison for killing my uncle Henry Dodd who married his stepdaughter Mindy Dodd. He raped me, my mother and other family members as well. He forced me to have sex with other family members including my own mother, then his wife/daughter Mindy Dodd. None of us wanted to do it, but we did what he said out of fear of his actions. He was mentally, physically and sexually abusive. He was a very well connected man, that not only owned the police, but other very important people as well. We had no one to turn to for help. Mindy gave me his gun asking me to kill him and put an end to it all. I felt bad for Mindy because of everything she'd went through in her life. However, I couldn't do it. I'd never ever killed an animal before, much less a human being. I hadn't even touched a gun before, much less shot one. Yet after everything she'd been through I couldn't tell her no. So I carried the gun around, not knowing what to do. I even tried to shoot myself, but I couldn't do that either. So I'd sit and cry asking God to help me out of the sick hell I was trapped in. Then on Dec 30th 1999 My uncle told me that he wanted me to have another threesome with them. I told him no, that I didn't want to. He yelled that if I didn't that he'd use my 1 year old son instead and make me watch. Now I seriously don't think that he would have did that to him then, but I knew that eventually he would rape him as well. I wondered if he'd make me and my son have sex? Would he make me and my son have sex with my mother? After all he'd already made me have sex with my mother. What would he eventually make us All do? I knew that I had to stop the sickness before it was too late. So I killed him. Now I'll regret that moment for the rest of my life. I got physically sick when I killed him and still to this day I'm haunted by those images ATLEAST 3 times a day. I wish now that I would've just kept my cool and just did whatever he said with whoever he said and just shut up.

I'd told my Grandmother what he was doing and she said to be quiet and just don't think about it. Well, she'd raised me so I did whatever she said. I wanted to tell everything that we All had went through, but the prosecution and my grandmother told me to plead guilty to avoid dragging the entire family through the mud. She said "Nobody wants to talk about what happened to them son, keep quiet and do what I say." So I plead guilty and received a 60 year life sentence. During my confession I tried to lie my way out of it. I kept changing my story not knowing what I should say, since I was ashamed of all the sick things that we all had to do. I knew that I'd embarrass the ENTIRE family if I gave a COMPLETE uncensored confession. It was disgusting what we were forced to do with him and each other, but we weren't allowed to talk about it. I know what I did was wrong and I'll regret it until I die. However, my hope is to one day be able to get out of prison and get to know my son. His mother Candi McCreary died on 9-9-17. So my son has NO parent to be there for him. I never knew my own father and I always wanted to be there for my son and raise him, I failed to do either. I kept him from becoming one of my uncles victims, but at what cost? So that he'll never have his father again, that's the cost. I hope and pray that I'll be able to get out of prison and be with my son and not only make a difference in his life but others as well. I don't get but \$40⁰⁰ a month income in prison, but I donate \$7⁰⁰ to St. Jude about every 3 months and I have been for almost a decade. So if I got out I'd donate my time painting the homes they give away, I'd give a 10 hour work day every Saturday. Then I'd want to speak on a social media platform to parents, to tell them that they need to teach their children to ALWAYS tell an adult if ANYONE abuses them physically, emotionally or sexually. To let their children know about their "No-No" spots and why it's called that.

Its called that because NOONE is to touch them there. If they have ANYONE touch them there to tell an adult. However they MUST stress to them that they WONT get in trouble, that its not their fault..... I know that is something that I wish I'd known as a child. If I would've told a teach or someone else I might not be here, but I told my mother who covered it up for him. My mother never did touch me unless my uncle forced her to. Once we were done wed take a shower together and sit and cry hdding each other. She'd say she was sorry that had happened but that we couldn't tell anyone and that everything would be ok. She never did anything bad to me without him there... Regardless what happened then, I still committed murder and I was wrong for my actions. I'm sorry for taking someone's life. Now as of today I've got severe colitis and have been crapping blood since 2018, (that's 5 years) Also, on August 23rd 2013 I was attacked by by a coward from behind and was hit 3 times with a large rock. He chose me because I'm not in any gang and he wouldn't have anyone to answer to once he went to another prison. He owed gang members for drugs and wanted to get shipped so he wouldn't have to pay them. Well after my brain surgery my doctors told me that due to the severe trauma I received that I'll definitely end up with either Alzheimers or Dementia. I'm falling apart physically and would love the chance to be able to get out, see my son, and do good things for others. I'm a kind, loving, caring goodhearted country boy. I just need the opportunity to show others that side of me. I can be a beacon of light.... not only for prisoners reform, but to those sexually abused to never give up and that's its possible to rise above your obstacles and adversities. Please I'm begging you to help me with my mission of freedom. However, even if you don't help me, I still say God bless you and all your loved ones and I wish EVERYONE only the best in Life.

- God Bless EVERYONE - James Smallwood (over) ↘

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