
Two Notes by Evan Ramsey

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Ramsey wrote two notes before his attack. They were quoted in a three-part article titled “Killing in the Classroom” by Steve Fainaru that was published in the Boston Globe on 18–20 October 1998. The text is printed as written by Ramsey; misspellings are in the original. Bracketed comments are by Fainaru.

I have thought to myself, what kind of damage can a 12 gauge slug do to a human’s internal organs or their head? Well today I found out, and so did everyone else that is in school ... No, I am not on drugs ... cigarettes, that’s all. I am not really depressed just that the fact that I want people, the world, or maybe just Bethel, to know how [expletive] and cruel the world is or can be. This school has got to get its [expletive] together ’cause there are too many deaths this past 2–3 years. Well I can tell you that the Superintendent Sue Hare has been the nicest person I’ve ever met cause she took both William and I in and didn’t get any money for it, and she like was a mother for William and me. But anyway I’m dead you guys are living, you should be happy.

Hey Every body!! I feel rejected, rejected, not so much alone, but rejected. I feel this way because the day-to-day treatment I get usually it’s positive but the negative is like a cut, it doesn’t go away really fast. I figure by the time you guys are reading this I’ll probably have done what I told EVERYONE I was going to do. Just hope 12 gauges don’t kick too hard but I do hope the shells hit more than 1 person because I am angry at more than 1 person. One of the Big [expletive] is Mr. Ron Edwards, he should be there, I was

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told this will be his Last year, but I know it WILL BE HIS LAST YEAR. The main reason that I did this is because I'm sick and tired of being treated this way everyday ... By the way every one allways told me "Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover." This saying is true because I was told that my teachers say that "He's Such A Good Kid." But they Say that About everyone. I don't think I'm a good-Hearted person. LIFE SUCKS in its own way, so I killed a little and killed myself. Jail isn't and wasn't for me, ever. [SS.I]