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since i've been convicted of murder
and have taken time to digest
just what that means
after noting what it means to my family
and how it affects people who read the newspapers
and all

i see now that i've made a terrible mistake! and didn't approach this trial in a respectful, deliberate or thoughtful manner didn't take advantage of the best legal advice and based my actions on irrelevant matters which i can see now in a much more sober mind had nothing to do with this case i must have been legally insane thinking about: the twenty five murders of children in atlanta since

Wayne Williams' capture the recent murder of a man in boston by the police the recent murders of two in chicago by police the shooting of a five-year-old little boy in suburban calif
the lynchings in alabama
the mob murder of a transit worker in brooklyn
the murders of fourteen women in boston
feeling that this is evidence of something
and that there must
be a lesson in all this — i thought
murder was legal