

1 Q. If it's in a letter there, you wouldn't dispute
2 that, would you?

3 A. Guess I couldn't.

4 Q. What have you been convicted of, sir?

5 A. I've been convicted of three counts of second
6 degree murder, and two counts of armed robbery.

7 Q. Total of three murders?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. PANOSH: No further.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Crumpler, anything further?

11 MR. CRUMPLER: No further questions, Your
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right, with these four
14 witnesses, I intend to have them transported unless you
15 need them for any further reason.

16 MR. CRUMPLER: Your Honor, the defendant has
17 no further questions of any of the four witnesses.

18 THE COURT: All right, they can be
19 transported, Sheriff.

20 (Witness stood aside.)

21 MR. ZIMMERMAN: One second, please, if Your
22 Honor please.

23 (Pause.)

24 **RONNIE LEE KIMBLE, being first duly sworn, testified as**
25 **follows during DIRECT EXAMINATION by MR. FRED CRUMPLER:**

1 Q. Mr. Kimble, your full name is Ronald Kimble?

2 A. Ronnie Lee Kimble.

3 Q. Ronnie Kimble?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And where do you live, sir?

6 A. I live at 6318 Liberty Road in Julian.

7 Q. And I believe you're the father of the defendant,
8 Ted Kimble?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. You have only two children?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And they were the two sons, Ted and Ronnie?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. What is your profession?

15 A. I'm the pastor of Monnett Road Baptist Church in
16 Julian.

17 Q. Are you an ordained minister?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And where did you study the ministry?

20 A. I went to school in Lynchburg, Virginia at
21 Institute of Biblical Studies at Liberty University.

22 Q. Did you yourself establish a church after coming
23 back to this area?

24 A. Yes, sir. We started off with two families.

25 Q. What's the size of your congregation to date?

1 A. We probably have 350 on the roll. And on Sunday
2 morning worship attendance we probably average 150 to 175
3 altogether.

4 Q. Mr. Kimble, you've heard the witnesses here in
5 court today. Have you heard your wife's testimony?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Keeping in mind that His Honor is going to have to
8 pass judgment on your son, Ted, at the conclusion of the
9 hearing, will you relate to the Court things about your
10 son Ted that you would ask the Court to consider in his
11 behalf?

12 A. Yes, sir. Your Honor, I've sat through my other
13 son's trial. There was a question at the end of trial by
14 Mr. Panosh. I told him I would like to express to you I
15 believe with all my heart my sons did not do this. I
16 know I believe it because the time frame, I'd look at it
17 humanly and the time frame that my other son supposedly
18 committed the murder for this son, he could not have done
19 it because he was at the place of business at Lyles
20 Building Material with my son, and with another witness.
21 The witness was going to testify that he was at Lyles up
22 to about 4:30. He told me this on numerous occasions.
23 And about two weeks before the trial started, the D.A.
24 called him down here to his office, and they had
25 mentioned to him about bringing him in on the breaking,

1 entering, larcenies if he didn't cooperate with them. He
2 come back to the place of business and his story changed
3 that my son left -- well, last time he saw him was around
4 3:00. But he told me all the way up to that time that he
5 would be glad to come to court, be glad to testify that
6 my son was at that business till about 4:30. But then
7 when he went to the D.A.'s office, he come back, his
8 story changed. I know with all my heart that my sons are
9 not guilty of this. And I'll go to my grave knowing that
10 because it's just no way. I asked myself could they have
11 done it. I looked at it from every way possible. It's
12 no way they could have because they could not have been
13 there. And my other son, he was working two jobs. His
14 wife told him that if he would pay off the boat--- He
15 wanted to buy a motorcycle. That if he would pay off the
16 boat that he could buy a motorcycle. And then after her
17 death, he did go buy a motorcycle. But first of all, he
18 went out and bought the clothes that he needed, the
19 things that he needed. Then he took little bit of that
20 money, he went and borrowed money from the bank on a
21 charge card and he did buy a motorcycle, which I did not
22 approve of. I owned a couple of motorcycles and they're
23 dangerous. With all my heart I do not believe either one
24 of my sons had anything to do with this murder. I know
25 he took the plea bargain. I know that he did that. But

1 the only reason he did that was because he was told by
2 Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Crumpler, not these only, but he was
3 told by the other lawyers that if he didn't take the plea
4 bargain that Dick Panosh would have him put to death
5 through the court system. And I do ask you to have mercy
6 on him. That's all I can do.

7 One day I cried out to God and asked God to
8 forgive me. I was a alcoholic. He forgave me through
9 His mercy and grace. And that's all I can ask you for is
10 just for mercy.

11 THE COURT: All right, sir. Thank you. Do
12 you have any further direct examination?

13 MR. CRUMPLER: No, Your Honor.

14 **CROSS EXAMINATION by MR. RICHARD PANOSH:**

15 Q. July of 1996 about a year after Patricia's death,
16 Ted was running Lyles Building Supply; is that right?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And you were working out there with him?

19 A. I was helping him out when he needed help.

20 Q. And how was his financial condition at that time?

21 A. As far as I know, it was fine. He did the books
22 and everything.

23 Q. And about that time he realized the Sheriff's
24 Department was closing in on him and his reaction was to
25 go out and buy a sniper rifle, wasn't it?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. He didn't buy a sniper rifle?

3 A. He had went to the gun show, and I went to the gun
4 show with him. And at the gun show he met this man that
5 was handling rifles. He saw this rifle and he began to
6 make arrangements to purchase this rifle. It was a --
7 Ted has an infatuation about guns. And which I know a
8 lot of people that have infatuations about guns. They
9 collect guns. And as far as a sniping rifle, I just knew
10 it was a rifle.

11 Q. And what happened to that rifle?

12 A. I sold it.

13 MR. PANOSH: Court's indulgence a moment.

14 Q. Do you know how much he paid for that rifle?

15 A. No, sir. I do not.

16 Q. Isn't it a fact the paperwork was in the box when
17 you got it, when you sold it, indicating that he paid
18 \$5,500?

19 A. I didn't -- I didn't mess with the rifle. I just
20 got rid of it.

21 Q. It was imported from Britain? Imported from
22 Britain; is that right?

23 A. All I know is it was supposedly a British rifle.
24 I carried it to the gun show here in Greensboro last gun
25 show, and that looks like it. And I met a dealer there,

1 and I told him about this rifle that I had, and I sold it
2 to him.

3 Q. Drawing your attention to that rifle in Mr.
4 Church's hands, that's a sniper rifle, isn't it, sir?

5 A. That's what it says that it's a rifle. I don't
6 know anything about guns.

7 Q. All you can do with that is kill people; isn't
8 that right?

9 A. I guess you could deer hunt with it, if you wanted
10 to.

11 Q. How many people do you know that deer hunt with a
12 rifle you need a tripod for?

13 A. If I'm not mistaken, that probably shoots a 30/30
14 shell. And a 30/30 shell, lot of people deer hunts with
15 30/30's.

16 Q. So, after Patricia's death and the Sheriff's
17 Department was closing in on your son, he decided to take
18 up deer hunting; is that what you're saying?

19 A. Do what now?

20 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Objection, if Your Honor
21 please.

22 THE COURT: Argumentative.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't understand the---

24 MR. ZIMMERMAN: Don't have to answer it.

25 Q. Isn't it a fact that he got that weapon because he

1 was threatening to kill law enforcement officers if they
2 got close to him?

3 A. No, sir. It was not.

4 MR. PANOSH: No further questions. Thank
5 you, sir.

6 MR. CRUMPLER: Just one question, if Your
7 Honor please.

8 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION by MR. FRED CRUMPLER:**

9 Q. Mr. Kimble, do you know whether that was purchased
10 before his wife's death?

11 A. From what I understand, I think it was ordered
12 before her death that he saw it at the gun show. Because
13 Patricia, myself, and my wife, all four of us went to the
14 gun show. And I think she was -- at that time that was
15 before her death. And, uh, it took him, from what I
16 understand, about a year to get it. And that was after
17 her death when he got it.

18 But as far as my son and his wife's relationship,
19 Your Honor, I can testify they had a close relationship.
20 We ate dinner two or three times a week. Every Friday
21 night just about we would go to Kyoto's Restaurant,
22 Japanese restaurant here in Greensboro, and they were
23 always loving each other. I mean smooching. In fact, it
24 could be embarrassing sometimes, they were so lovey
25 dovey. I never -- I never saw them described as the D.A.

1 has described them. It's just -- Patricia -- I'll tell
2 you one thing, if you don't mind, before I go down.
3 About a week before Patricia was murdered, I called the
4 house and I disguised my voice picking with Patricia. I
5 picked at her a lot of times, and she picked up who I
6 was. Oh, hello, Daddy. And I said, how did you know who
7 I was. And I'll never forget with the most solemn voice
8 of somebody that was very down and depressed, she said
9 you're the only one who ever calls here. And during her
10 trial she had so many friends to come and say that they
11 were her friends, but from what she told me, nobody never
12 called her. But it just broke my heart. And we loved
13 Patricia just like we love Ted. She was a very good
14 girl. They were good for each other.

15 MR. CRUMPLER: I have no further questions,
16 Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: All right, thank you, sir.
18 (Witness stood aside.)

19 MR. ZIMMERMAN: If Your Honor please, it's
20 our client's desire to testify. At the break we took
21 earlier on, uh, Mr. Crumpler and I advised him that if he
22 took the stand, he'd be subject to cross-examination. He
23 said he understood that. That is cross-examination by
24 the solicitor for the State, and place himself and his
25 character in evidence as to certain matters of things.