

*State of North Carolina
General Court of Justice
Eighteenth Prosecutorial District*

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RE: Ronnie Kimble

Dear Mr. Hatfield :

This letter is to confirm your letter of May 6, 1997.

As of this date, the District Attorney's Office has not received the investigative reports of the Guilford County Guilford County Sheriff's Department in regard to this case.

Upon receipt of those reports, I will review them and provide you with access to all materials which are subject to discovery in a timely manner.

Based upon the information I have received in numerous pre-indictment conferences I can summarize the position of the State of North Carolina.

1. There is direct evidence from at least two sources placing your client at the scene of the murder/arson within the appropriate time frame.
2. There is direct evidence that your client was hired by his brother to kill Ms. Kimble and that he carried out the plan.
3. There is direct evidence that your client was not paid because the insurance policy on the life of Patricia Kimble which Theodore Kimble obtained by fraudulent means was not paid by the insurance company.
4. There is circumstantial evidence of the conspiracy which existed between your client and his brother.
5. There is direct evidence of at least three aggravating factors contained in N.C. Gen. Stat. 15A-2000.

(5) The capital felony was committed while the defendant was engaged, or was an aider or abettor, in the commission of, or an attempt to commit, or flight after committing or attempting to commit, any homicide, robbery, rape or a sex offense, arson, burglary, kidnapping, or aircraft piracy or the unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb.

(6) The capital felony was committed for pecuniary gain.

(10) The defendant knowingly created a great risk of death to more than one person by means of a weapon or device which would normally be hazardous to the lives of more than one person.

I have no ability to provide you with discovery of information in the possession of Naval Intelligence. I suggest you contact your clients military counsel, Capt. Paul Kaplan. (910) 451-8021

Sincerely,

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Re: **Letter re Kimble discovery**
