

1 MR. TIEBAUER: May I proceed, Your Honor?

2 THE COURT: You may.

3 LUKE TIMS WOODHAM,  
4 called as a witness in his own behalf and having first  
5 been duly sworn by the Clerk, was examined and  
6 testified on his oath as follows, to wit:

7 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TIEBAUER:

8 Q. State your name for the record.

9 A. Luke Tims Woodham.

10 Q. Luke, describe for me, if you will, your  
11 relationship with your mother.

12 A. Sir, I -- I guess I really didn't have much  
13 of one with her. And, you know, I mean, we never  
14 really got along. And she always deserted me and left  
15 me out. And -- and she just -- I guess it just wasn't  
16 really good.

17 Q. Describe for me your relationship, if any,  
18 with Grant Boyette.

19 A. He was -- he was a close friend of mine, sir.

20 Q. When did you get -- get to know Grant?

21 A. Well, I met him my first ninth grade year.  
22 I met him through some friends of mine and, you know,  
23 we -- we weren't very good friends until about December  
24 of '96, though.

25 Q. What did y'all do as friends? I mean,  
26 describe what your relationship with him was like.

27 A. Well, we -- we had some of the same  
28 interests. We liked to read a lot. We played a Star  
29 Wars game together. And just -- we would hang out a

1 lot, I guess.

2 Q. What type of books would you read?

3 A. I liked to read just about anything I could  
4 get my hands on. Basically philosophy, Friedrich  
5 Nietzsche and Aristotle, Plato. And I liked a lot of  
6 classic literature too, Dostoyevsky, and things like  
7 that.

8 Q. Did you and Grant ever read anything having  
9 to do with satanic worship?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 (BRIEF INTERRUPTION)

12 A. Yes, sir. There was a book that had earlier  
13 been bought by Wes Brownell, and we -- it was called  
14 the Necronomicon. And me and -- me and Grant had  
15 studied that.

16 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) What's in the book? We  
17 haven't studied it. Talk to me.

18 A. Well, it's -- it's just a bunch of spells and  
19 a bunch of history and stuff like that.

20 Q. What type of spells?

21 A. I guess just about anything you -- you really  
22 wanted: love spells, and there is spells that can kill  
23 people and things like that too.

24 Q. Is this a satanic spell?

25 A. Yes, sir, you could say that.

26 Q. Think back to January of '97. Did you know a  
27 young man named Rocky Brewer?

28 A. Yes, sir.

29 Q. Describe for me your relationship with Rocky

1 Brewer, how you knew him.

2 A. Well, I knew him. He had come over to my  
3 house with some more of his friends. One of his  
4 friends had been kicked out of the house, and one of my  
5 ex-girlfriends had asked if he could stay over at my  
6 house. And Rocky was friends with this fellow. And so  
7 I -- I had met Rocky. And I -- I didn't really know  
8 him, you know, that well.

9 Q. What were his friends like?

10 A. The one that got kicked out of his house, the  
11 one that was staying with me for a little while, he was  
12 a pretty good fellow. His name was Nathan. But his  
13 other friend Danny was just -- he would always talk  
14 down to me and he tried to use me any way he could and  
15 stuff like that. And I really didn't like it.

16 Q. Did you ever talk to Grant about the way  
17 Daniel treated you?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. He just -- he told me --

20 MR. JONES: Your Honor, I object to the  
21 hearsay.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) You can go ahead and  
24 answer, Luke.

25 A. I told him about it, and he -- he told me  
26 that he was going to come over to my house. And when  
27 he came over, he -- I had -- before he came over, I had  
28 used the pentagram that he had given me. And when he  
29 came over, we used the spell book. He said a spell.

1 name?

2 A. January 4th, 1997.

3 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, that's a certified  
4 copy picked up this week in Jackson. I move that we  
5 enter it into evidence.

6 MR. JONES: Your Honor, I object to the  
7 relevance of the death certificate of some guy who he  
8 claims was killed through the casting of some spell.

9 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, it will be tied  
10 together with psychiatric testimony.

11 THE COURT: Let me --

12 MR. KITCHENS: Your Honor, that's impossible.  
13 And I object to that.

14 MR. TIEBAUER: They can cross-examine it,  
15 Your Honor. You know, they -- that's part of our case.

16 THE COURT: Just a minute. Let me look at  
17 this. (Examining document).

18 The Court will allow it to be marked for  
19 identification at this time.

20 MR. TIEBAUER: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.

21 (DEFENSE EXHIBIT Z, BREWER DEATH CERTIFICATE,  
22 MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY)

23 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) Luke, in -- in your mind,  
24 why did Rocky die?

25 A. A spell.

26 Q. A satanic spell that you and Grant said?

27 A. Yes, sir.

28 Q. Did you talk to Grant about the spell?

29 A. Yeah. He -- all he said was, Well, you

1 He wanted to just do something to Danny  
2 because I told him I didn't want Danny to mess with me  
3 anymore, I wanted him to leave me alone. And so he  
4 said a spell. And while he was saying a spell, I  
5 just saw a picture of Rocky's face in my head. And  
6 afterwards we stopped. And me and him and Lucas  
7 Thompson who was there at the time, we -- we got  
8 through with everything, and we started talking. Then  
9 Grant left.

10 And, well, that night Rocky and Danny and  
11 Nathan came back. And they spent the night again. And  
12 the next night I had gone to the mall with Lucas. We  
13 had gone with one of my mom's boy -- boyfriends at the  
14 time.

15 And I came back home that night, and I was  
16 listening to a tape I had bought. And I turned it off  
17 and started watching Saturday Night Live. And somebody  
18 knocked on my door, and it was Nathan. And he came in,  
19 and he had just gotten a job at Krystal. And he showed  
20 me his uniform and everything.

21 And so about 30 minutes later, Danny came  
22 walking in. And he told me -- he just walked in and  
23 told us that Rocky was dead. And Rocky was hit by a  
24 car that night crossing Lakeland Drive from the skating  
25 rink.

26 Q. Would you look at that name on this death  
27 certificate and read it for me.

28 A. Rocky Robert Brewer.

29 Q. What's the date of death to the right of the

1 wanted Danny to leave you alone; and now he'll never  
2 bother you again.

3 Q. And you were convinced at that time that he  
4 died because of the spell?

5 A. I'm still convinced.

6 Q. Okay. Did your relationship with Grant  
7 intensify after January of '97?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. In what ways?

10 A. We started a satanic group. And through the  
11 hate that I had had in my heart, I used it to get --  
12 try to get vengeance on people and do whatever he told  
13 me to do.

14 Q. By casting spells and whatnot?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 MR. TIEBAUER: Court's indulgence.

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

18 (OFF THE RECORD WITH COCOUNSEL)

19 MR. TIEBAUER: May I?

20 THE COURT: (Nods head).

21 MR. TIEBAUER: (Approaches witness).

22 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) Luke, I've handed you a  
23 stack of poems and songs. Would you take a look at  
24 them, please.

25 A. (Examining documents) Yes, sir.

26 Q. Do you recognize those things?

27 A. I wrote all of this.

28 Q. Do they accurately reflect your thoughts?

29 A. All of them except for one. And that was

1 about the killing of the dog because Grant told me to  
2 wrote [sic] that I killed it when actually it was him.

3 Q. Okay.

4 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, I move that the  
5 poems be marked as an exhibit and moved into evidence.

6 MR. JONES: No objection, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: There being no objection, let the  
8 documents be marked as a composite exhibit since  
9 there's so many of them.

10 (EXHIBIT NO. D-2, LUKE'S WRITINGS, MARKED AND  
11 RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE)

12 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) Luke, I've also handed you  
13 another document that's called a school journal.

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Have you taken a look at that?

16 A. Yes, sir. I had this in ninth grade English.  
17 It's just stuff that I wrote because I had to there.

18 Q. But you wrote it?

19 A. Yes, sir.

20 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, I move that that  
21 document be moved into evidence. That's Exhibit Number  
22 3.

23 MR. JONES: I'd just like to look at it, Your  
24 Honor, what they're doing.

25 THE COURT: All right. You may look at it,  
26 then.

27 MR. JONES: (Examining documents) No  
28 objection, Your Honor.

29 THE COURT: No objection? It may be marked.

1 You may mark it as a composite exhibit. It will be  
2 received and entered into evidence.

3 (EXHIBIT NO. D-3, ENGLISH JOURNAL WRITINGS,  
4 MARKED AND RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE)

5 Q. (By Mr. Tiebauer) Luke, in this group you  
6 and Boyette had, was there a leader to it?

7 A. Yes, Grant.

8 Q. You -- what kind of things would he do?

9 A. He basically just told everybody what to do.  
10 If there was something that he didn't like, he assigned  
11 us all demons. And my two were the Persian god of  
12 gold, that was Mammon. And the other one was -- his  
13 name was Dagon. And they all -- I forget how many  
14 demons I had. I had them in the end, but it was  
15 several hundred thousand.

16 Whenever something needed to be taken care  
17 of, I would -- he would tell me to do it; and I would  
18 send them to take care of it.

19 Q. Did you -- did you have a happy home life,  
20 say, in '93 and '4 and '5?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. What was that like?

23 A. Well, I mean, it was the same as any other  
24 time around my house. I mean, I was about the only  
25 person there. And when my mom was there, she -- she  
26 just screamed and fussed and hollered. I mean, she  
27 always talked down to me, and -- and she never loved  
28 me.

29 Q. Did you feel accepted by people?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you feel accepted by Grant Boyette?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. In your mind would it be fair to say that you  
5 would do just about anything he directed you to?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Is part of that reason because of what  
8 happened to Rocky and the other things in your life?

9 A. He has a lot of power, sir.

10 MR. TIEBAUER: Tender the witness, Your  
11 Honor.

12 THE COURT: Cross-examination?

13 MR. JONES: Yes, Your Honor.

14 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. JONES:

15 Q. Luke, you were handed a stack of writings  
16 there. And in there you said there is something about  
17 the dog incident, correct?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Do you remember writing on 4/14/1997: "On  
20 Saturday of last week, I made my first kill. The date  
21 was April 12, 1997, about 4:30 p.m. The victim was a  
22 loved one. My dear dog Sparkle. Me and an accomplice  
23 had been beating the bitch for a while, and last  
24 Tuesday I took a day off from school just because I  
25 didn't want to go. My friend came over, and we beat  
26 the dog. In the process of doing so, we hurt her leg.  
27 Later in the week, about Thursday I'd say, my brother  
28 realized she was limping. He suggested we take the dog  
29 to the vet, but I talked him out of it saying that she

1 probably stepped on something and that she would be  
2 okay in a day or two. Saturday my brother brought up  
3 the vet again but said he didn't have the time to do it  
4 today, but he would do it next week. I was afraid the  
5 vet would notice all of the bruises on the dog and I  
6 would get in trouble. So I called my accomplice, and  
7 he came over at 2:00 o'clock. We beat the dog, tied  
8 her up in a plastic garbage bag, put the garbage bag in  
9 another and then another. We put the subdued little  
10 bitch in an old book bag and went to some woods. When  
11 we got out to the woods, I took a billy club" that I'd  
12 handed -- "I took a billy club that I had and handed it  
13 to my accomplice. He ran and hit the bagged dog with  
14 it. I will never forget the howl she made, it sounded  
15 almost human. We laughed and hit her more. I picked  
16 up the book bag, which was now soaked in her piss, and  
17 drug her across the ground deeper into the woods."  
18 We -- "we reached one place where we opened the book  
19 bag, tore a hole in the bags, and brought her top half  
20 out. We touched a nearby ant" bag -- ant -- "a nearby  
21 ant bed and let them bite her. Then we got her out of  
22 the plastic bags and we put her in the book bag. We  
23 put the plastic bags over to the side where we burned  
24 them later. We took the bag even further into the  
25 woods. When we reached a clear area, I pulled out my  
26 lighter and lighter fluid, made a trail with the fluid  
27 across the grass and into the book bag and lit it. The  
28 bag burned some. We put more fluid on there, and we  
29 heard the dog scream. A hole developed in the bag, and

1 the dog stuck her head out fully engulfed in flames.  
2 We put more on her and more and more and more. She got  
3 out and tried to run. I took the night stick and hit  
4 her on the shoulder, spine, and neck. I'll never  
5 forget the sound of her breaking under my might. We  
6 set her on fire again. The foolish dog opened her  
7 mouth, and we sprayed fluid down her throat."  
8 Finally -- "her whole neck caught on fire, inside and  
9 out. Finally the fire went out and she was making a  
10 gurgling noise. I silenced her with the club again. I  
11 hit her so hard I knocked the fur off her neck. I hit  
12 her so hard she started to shit. Then we put her in  
13 the burned bag and chunked her in a nearby pond. We  
14 watched the bag sink. It was true beauty."

15 Did you write that, Luke?

16 A. Under Grant's instruction, yes.

17 Q. Under Grant's instruction?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you write all those writings under  
20 Grant's instruction?

21 A. No, only that one.

22 Q. Only that one.

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 MR. JONES: May I approach the witness, Your  
25 Honor?

26 THE COURT: You may.

27 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Do you recognize this item?

28 A. (Examining document) Yes, sir.

29 Q. What is it?

1 A. That's an advertisement for a band that a  
2 friend of mine had.

3 Q. Okay. A friend of yours? Where was it? Did  
4 you have a -- have one of those advertisements?

5 A. Yes, sir. It was in my room.

6 Q. Okay. And what does it say?

7 A. "Sash Tools" -- that was the name of his  
8 band -- "America is Dead" and "Fucked Forever."

9 Q. Was that your -- in your room?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Where was it in your room?

12 A. It was on the wall.

13 Q. Hanging on your wall, wasn't it?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 MR. JONES: May I approach the witness, Your  
16 Honor?

17 THE COURT: Yes, sir, you may.

18 MR. JONES: Your Honor, I'd like to have this  
19 exhibit moved as the next State's exhibit into  
20 evidence.

21 MR. TIEBAUER: I'd like to look at it.

22 MR. ROUSSELL: Let's see what you've got.

23 (OFF THE RECORD AS DEFENSE COUNSEL EXAMINE DOCUMENT)

24 MR. TIEBAUER: No objection, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Let it be marked, received, and  
26 entered into evidence.

27 MR. JONES: Your Honor, may I approach the  
28 witness?

29 THE COURT: Just let the court reporter get

1 the evidence marked.

2 MR. JONES: Oh, I'm sorry, Sam.

3 (EXHIBIT NO. S-34, SASH TOOLS DRAWING, MARKED  
4 AND RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE)

5 MR. JONES: May I approach?

6 THE COURT: Now you may.

7 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Do you recognize that, Luke?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What is it?

10 A. It's an advertisement for my band.

11 Q. Okay. And what -- read it for us.

12 A. "Verbal Neglance. If We Cannot Find Life  
13 In Order, We Shall Find Death In Chaos. 'One Nation  
14 Under My Gun.'"

15 Q. Under your gun. Where -- where was that  
16 advertisement for your -- your band?

17 A. In my room.

18 Q. Okay.

19 MR. JONES: Your Honor, at this time I'd like  
20 to have that marked as the next State's exhibit into  
21 evidence.

22 MR. TIEBAUER: No objection, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Let it be marked, received, and  
24 entered into evidence.

25 (EXHIBIT NO. S-35, VERBAL NEGLIGENCE DRAWING,  
26 MARKED AND RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE)

27 MR. JONES: May I proceed, Your Honor?

28 THE COURT: You may.

29 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Luke, isn't it true that you

1 gave a videotaped interview to ABC?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Okay. And isn't it true that you were  
4 asked: "Did you ever feel that your mother was overly  
5 protective of you?"

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And your response: "She was just a mother."

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. She was just a mother.

10 A. She was just being her -- a mother. She was  
11 doing what she thought was right.

12 Q. Did you also say that you knew -- that you  
13 loved your mother and you knew she forgave you for  
14 murdering her?

15 A. I said I knew she forgave me. I never said  
16 "murdering her."

17 Q. Okay. But you knew she forgave you. She  
18 loved you too; isn't that true, Mr. Woodham?

19 A. I did a lot of bad things, sir.

20 Q. And she loved you?

21 A. Yes, I -- I believe that.

22 Q. And in your mind, she would have forgiven you  
23 for murdering her?

24 A. Sir, I don't know if I murdered her. And so  
25 stop trying to get me to incriminate myself.

26 Q. Do you recognize this? Is -- this is a  
27 knife, isn't it? Would you agree with me that this is  
28 a knife?

29 A. Yes, sir, that is a knife.

1 Q. And you know this is a knife now, don't you?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And you knew this was a knife on October 1st,  
4 1997, didn't you?

5 A. I suppose I would have, sir.

6 Q. Did you know this was a knife on 19 --  
7 October 1st, 1997, Luke?

8 A. I -- yes, sir.

9 MR. ROUSSELL: He's answered the question,  
10 Your Honor.

11 MR. JONES: It's yes, sir.

12 Q. (By Mr. Jones) You know that sticking people  
13 with knives hurts people, don't you, Luke?

14 A. Yes, sir, I suppose it would.

15 Q. Right? You appreciate the fact that when you  
16 jab this into somebody's lungs it hurts?

17 A. No, sir, I don't appreciate that.

18 Q. You don't appreciate that. Do you recognize  
19 this?

20 A. It's a baseball bat, sir.

21 Q. Okay. And you know what this -- you know  
22 what this was on October 1st, 1997, don't you, a  
23 baseball bat?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And you realize that if you hit somebody in  
26 the side of the head with a baseball bat, it hurts,  
27 doesn't it?

28 A. Yes, sir, it would.

29 Q. That it could hurt somebody bad enough to

1 kill them, just like stabbing them with a knife; isn't  
2 that right, Luke?

3 A. It probably could, sir.

4 Q. You were good friends with Lucas, weren't  
5 you?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And you called Lucas to tell him that you  
8 killed your mother, didn't you?

9 A. No, sir. If I remember, the phone records  
10 show that he called me.

11 Q. Okay. Did you tell him you killed his  
12 mother -- you killed your mother?

13 A. I don't know, sir. I can't remember.

14 Q. You cannot remember. Did you pretty much  
15 well trust him?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Okay. And he was your friend?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Would he have been one of your best friends?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. Do you -- would you confide in him,  
22 into Lucas?

23 A. About some things, yes.

24 Q. Yeah, about things going on with you, whether  
25 you're happy or sad or mad about something that  
26 happened during the day.

27 A. Usually, yes.

28 Q. Okay.

29 A. Unless Grant told me not to.

1 Q. Oh, I see.

2 A. I wouldn't do anything unless Grant --

3 Q. But you never confided in Lucas Thompson that  
4 your mother called you fat, lazy, and sorry, did you?

5 A. Yes, sir, I did.

6 Q. Oh, you did?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. Did you hear his testimony in here yesterday?

9 A. Yes, sir, I did.

10 Q. And his response was that Luke Woodham never  
11 told me anything like that.

12 A. That was his response, sir, yes.

13 Q. And isn't it true also that he said that he  
14 observed you in your relationship with your mother?

15 A. Yes, sir, he had.

16 Q. And that it was normal. He said that you  
17 wouldn't listen to her and that she had to get onto you  
18 then, right, Luke?

19 A. That's what he saw. That's what he said,  
20 sir.

21 Q. So all this stuff about how bad your mother  
22 treated you, it's contrived, isn't it, Luke?

23 A. No, sir.

24 Q. Where in those writings, your personal  
25 journals and those writings, do you talk about how mean  
26 and ugly and bad you were mistreated by your mother?  
27 Pull one -- pull one of them out and show us.

28 A. I would not write about that, sir.

29 Q. You would not write about that, would you?

1 A. I loved my mother.

2 Q. Because it didn't happen.

3 A. Yes, sir, it did. You have not walked a day  
4 in my shoes, and you could not know anything that I've  
5 been through.

6 Q. I'm sitting there -- I'm looking at your  
7 personal writings.

8 A. You know nothing about me. None of y'all do.  
9 Y'all don't know nothing about me. Y'all don't know  
10 what I went through. You've never been in my shoes.  
11 And you sit here and condemn me for something that  
12 y'all don't even know that I did. I -- it's not right.

13 Q. You killed your mother, didn't you, Luke?

14 A. I don't know, sir. Y'all -- y'all don't --

15 Q. And you killed her because it was the only  
16 way to get the car and the gun; isn't that true, Luke?

17 A. I don't know, sir.

18 Q. That's what you --

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Should I play --

21 A. That's what Grant told me.

22 Q. Oh, should I play your videotaped confession  
23 that this jury has already seen?

24 A. I heard that, sir.

25 Q. Okay.

26 A. And that's what Grant Boyette told me.

27 Q. That it was the only way. That you loved  
28 your mother but you didn't want to kill her but it was  
29 the only way -- because you knew killing your mother

1 was wrong -- but it was the only way you could get the  
2 gun and the car because she would not just say, Go  
3 ahead and take it, Luke. Isn't that true, Luke?

4 A. (Shakes head).

5 Q. That's not true?

6 A. You make me sick.

7 Q. Huh?

8 A. You make me sick. You know nothing about me,  
9 and yet you stand here and condemn me when you've never  
10 walked in my shoes. And you don't know what happened.  
11 You can only guess. The evidence doesn't show that I  
12 killed her. If you watch, you see I -- I -- I  
13 haven't -- she -- you don't know that, sir.

14 MR. JONES: Your Honor, could you instruct  
15 the witness to respond to questions.

16 THE WITNESS: (Sobbing).

17 MR. ROUSSELL: And Your Honor, I think it  
18 would be a little -- I think it would be a little bit  
19 easier for him to respond to the questions if he wasn't  
20 being badgered so hard.

21 MR. JONES: I don't think it's badgering,  
22 Mr. Roussell. I'm asking the Defendant questions.

23 THE COURT: If that's an objection, it's  
24 overruled.

25 MR. ROUSSELL: Well, ask him one question at  
26 a time.

27 MR. JONES: I'm asking one at a time.

28 THE COURT: Gentlemen.

29 MR. ROUSSELL: Yes, sir?

1 THE COURT: Do we need to go to chambers?

2 MR. JONES: No, sir, Your Honor. I apologize  
3 to the Court.

4 MR. ROUSSELL: No, sir.

5 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Luke --

6 THE COURT: Wait just a minute, Mr. Jones. I  
7 want to let him regain his composure.

8 THE WITNESS: Go ahead.

9 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Woodham, when he asks a  
10 question, answer the question.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to, sir.

12 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Jones.

13 MR. JONES: Sir?

14 THE COURT: Give him time to complete his  
15 answer after you ask the question.

16 MR. JONES: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Are you ready?

18 THE WITNESS: Go ahead.

19 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Okay. Did you tell PrimeTime  
20 Live that if you had another chance, you just wouldn't  
21 have got out of bed that morning?

22 A. (Sobbing) Sir, I'm sorry. I can't help that  
23 I went to school and I did that. I can't help that. I  
24 know I wasn't in control of myself when I did it, and I  
25 can't help that. I can't change that. And I'm sorry.  
26 I'm sorry. I can't change that. But I don't know if I  
27 killed my mother.

28 Q. Didn't you tell the detective, Mr. Woodham,  
29 that morning of October the 1st that you stabbed your

1 mother while she laid in bed?

2 A. I told them exactly what Grant had told me to  
3 do because I didn't know what had happened.

4 Q. You didn't know what had happened.

5 A. (Sobbing) No, sir, I promise you that. I  
6 did not -- I don't know, sir. I don't know. And it's  
7 eating me up everyday of -- since October the 1st. And  
8 I'm sorry. I can't help that. I don't know what  
9 happened. And I can't help that.

10 Q. Did the evidence that's been put on here this  
11 week help you remember?

12 A. Sir?

13 Q. Did your blood being on the knife handle, her  
14 blood being on the bat, the blood all over her house --

15 A. I don't know.

16 Q. -- you confessing to it.

17 A. (Sobbing) Sir, I don't know. I'm sorry that  
18 I can't help you, but I don't know.

19 Q. Would you hold up your left hand, please?

20 A. Yes, sir. (Complies).

21 Q. The scars you got from stabbing your mother,  
22 didn't you?

23 A. No -- I don't know, sir.

24 Q. That's what you told the police officers  
25 October the 1st.

26 A. Sir, I -- I don't know that.

27 Q. You don't know that you told --

28 A. I don't remember that.

29 Q. -- the police officers that?

1 A. I don't remember that. No, sir.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Jones, let him answer and  
3 then --

4 A. I don't remember that, sir. I don't. I  
5 don't remember telling him any of that (sobbing). I'm  
6 sorry.

7 THE COURT: (Puts tissues on witness stand).

8 MR. JONES: Can I proceed, Your Honor?

9 THE COURT: Mr. Woodham, are you ready to  
10 proceed?

11 THE WITNESS: Go ahead. I don't -- I don't  
12 care. Go ahead.

13 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Your mother treated you the  
14 best she could, didn't she, Luke? She went out and  
15 worked for you, didn't she?

16 A. Yes, sir. Just -- it -- it seemed unfair to  
17 me that she was never there. I never had any parents  
18 around. I never had anyone to love me.

19 Q. So you killed her.

20 A. (Sobbing) I don't know, sir. I can't  
21 remember. I -- I can't remember, sir. And I'm sorry  
22 that I can't help you with that. I don't know.

23 Q. But you remembered on October 1st, 1997,  
24 didn't you, Luke?

25 A. Sir?

26 Q. You don't remember now, but you remembered  
27 back on October 1st, 1997, didn't you?

28 A. Sir, the only thing I told the officers is  
29 what Grant told me to do because I couldn't remember

1 anything.

2 Q. Well, tell us about it, then. Tell us what  
3 you do remember.

4 A. I remember I woke up that morning, and I had  
5 seen the demons I'd seen all the time whenever Grant  
6 had told me to do something.

7 Q. You remember seeing the demons, huh?

8 A. Yes, sir. And he was telling me that I was  
9 nothing and that I would always be nothing; I would  
10 never be anything if I didn't get to school. They said  
11 I was nothing and that I would never be anything, I  
12 would always be nothing if I didn't get to that school,  
13 if I didn't kill those people.

14 And I remember -- I remember getting the  
15 knife, and I got a pillow. And I walked into my  
16 mother's room. And I remember hearing Grant's voice.  
17 And he told me that I -- I had to do all of this and  
18 that I was nothing and that I'd always be nothing,  
19 everyday that I lived, that I would never be -- I'd  
20 never be anything.

21 I remember I just closed my eyes, and I just  
22 followed myself. And I didn't want to do any of it.  
23 And I remember I kept hearing his voice. And I  
24 remember -- and my eyes were closed. When I opened  
25 them, my mother was lying in her bed dead. And that's  
26 it, sir. That's all I -- that's all I know. And  
27 that's all I can tell you. That's all I know.  
28 (sobbing).

29 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, may we take a

1 short recess?

2 MR. JONES: I object, Your Honor. The  
3 Defendant's on the stand, he's up here testifying.

4 THE COURT: Let me see Counsel at the Bench.

5 (BENCH DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)

6 THE COURT: Mr. Woodham, let me know when  
7 you're ready to proceed.

8 THE WITNESS: Go ahead.

9 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Jones.

10 MR. JONES: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Luke, it wasn't -- wasn't  
12 your mother calling you all those bad names, was it?  
13 It was somebody else, wasn't it?

14 A. She -- everybody thought bad about me, her  
15 and everybody else, every -- everybody but Grant. No  
16 one else accepted me or loved me.

17 Q. Your mother loved you, didn't she, Luke?

18 A. I don't know. I believe so, but I didn't  
19 then because she always deserted me and she was never  
20 there for me and she always talked down to me. I don't  
21 know, sir. But I think -- I -- I think now she did.

22 Q. You knew killing her was wrong, didn't you,  
23 Luke?

24 A. Could you repeat that?

25 Q. You knew killing her was wrong, didn't you?

26 A. I didn't -- no, I don't know, sir. I don't  
27 know. I don't know. I don't know, sir. I don't know  
28 (sobbing).

29 MR. JONES: Your Honor, I have no further

1 questions of this witness.

2 THE COURT: Do you have any redirect?

3 MR. TIEBAUER: Your Honor, I have one  
4 question, if the Court please, on redirect.

5 THE WITNESS: (Sobbing).

6 MR. TIEBAUER: May I approach the witness?

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 (OUTSIDE THE HEARING OF THE JURY AS FOLLOWS)

9 MR. TIEBAUER: (Whispering to witness)  
10 Luke, listen to me. I want to ask you one  
11 more question, then you can get off the stand,  
12 okay?

13 THE WITNESS: Okay.

14 MR. TIEBAUER: So stop crying for me.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm trying.

16 MR. TIEBAUER: Okay.

17 (THE PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED IN OPEN COURT AS FOLLOWS)

18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. TIEBAUER:

19 Q. Do you remember hearing Lucas Thompson  
20 testifying yesterday?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Or the day before yesterday?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Isn't it true that he's under indictment  
25 right now, just like you?

26 A. Yes, sir. They got him for one --

27 MR. KITCHENS: I object to that, Your Honor.  
28 That's not right.

29 MR. JONES: Mr. Thompson is not under

1 indictment in the Circuit Court of Mississippi of  
2 Rankin County.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 THE WITNESS: Well, he's indicted in Youth  
5 Court.

6 MR. TIEBAUER: Okay. You don't have to  
7 answer that.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry.

9 MR. TIEBAUER: Have a seat, Luke.

10 THE COURT: All right. Is that it?

11 MR. TIEBAUER: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: You may stand aside. Resume your  
13 seat next to your attorneys.

14 (WITNESS STEPS DOWN, TAKES HIS SEAT AT DEFENSE TABLE)

15 THE COURT: Bench conference.

16 THE REPORTER: Judge, do you need me up  
17 there?

18 THE COURT: (Shakes head).

19 (BENCH DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)

20 THE COURT: Madam Bailiff, escort the jury to  
21 the jury room.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, do not discuss anything  
23 about this case.

24 Court will stand in recess for approximately  
25 15 to 20 minutes.

26 THE BAILIFF: All rise.

27 (JURORS EXIT COURTROOM AT 10:01 A.M.; RECESS  
28 TAKEN; COURT AND COUNSEL RECONVENE AT 10:29 A.M., AND  
29 THE PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED OUTSIDE THE PRESENCE OF THE