

NO. 0005216

THE STATE OF TEXAS || IN THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT
VS. || COURT #3, IN AND FOR
HENRY WATKINS SKINNER || TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

CAPITAL JUDGMENT

On January 19, 1995, this cause was called for trial and the State appeared by District Attorney, John Mann, and Assistant District Attorney, Tracey L. Jennings, and the attorneys for the Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, Harold L. Comer and Kenneth W. Fields, announced ready for trial; and the State having made known that it would seek the Death Penalty in this cause and the Defendant having been heretofore arraigned; and, it appearing to the Court that the Defendant was mentally competent and the Defendant having been charged in the indictment with Capital Murder committed on or about the 31st day of December, 1993; thereupon, a Jury of good and lawful men and women, to-wit: Danny Stewart, Presiding Juror, and eleven others, was duly selected, impaneled and sworn as the law directs, and the said District Attorney read to the Jury the indictment herein, and the Defendant entered his plea of Not Guilty to the indictment hereto; and the Jury, after hearing the evidence, and being duly charged by the Court, retired to consider its verdict, and after deliberation, returned in open Court on the 18th day of March, 1995, the following verdict, to-wit:

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VERDICT OF THE JURY

CAPITAL MURDER

We, the Jury, find the Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, guilty of the offense of capital murder as charged in the indictment.

Signed: Danny Stewart
Presiding Juror

And the Jury, having heard all the evidence, and being duly charged by the Court, retired to consider its verdict, and after due deliberation, returned into open Court, on the 23rd day of March, 1995, their answers to the following Special Issues, and their verdict:

SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 1

Is there a probability that the Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, would commit criminal acts of violence that would constitute a continuing threat to society?

ANSWER: We, the jury, unanimously find and determine beyond a reasonable doubt that the answer to this Special Issue is "Yes".

Signed: Danny Stewart
Presiding Juror

SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 2

Taking into consideration all of the evidence, including the circumstances of the offense, the Defendant's character and background, and the personal moral culpability of the Defendant, do you find that there is a sufficient mitigating circumstance or circumstances to warrant a sentence of life imprisonment rather than a death sentence be imposed?

ANSWER

We, the Jury, unanimously find and determine that the answer to this Special Issue is "No".

**Signed: Danny Stewart
Presiding Juror**

And the Court, having duly polled the Jurors individually at the request of the Defendant, and all Jurors having affirmed their individual verdicts, and the Court duly accepted the verdicts and ORDERED the same to be filed.

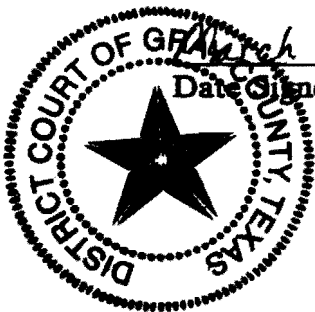
Upon receipt of the Jury Verdict, the Court then discharged the Jurors and then proceeded to sentence the Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, as follows, to-wit:

The Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, was asked by the Court whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against him, and the Defendant answered nothing in bar thereof;

The Court proceeded, in the presence of the said Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, and his counsels of record, to pronounce sentence against him as follows:

It is the ORDER of the Court that you, the Defendant, HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, who has been adjudged to be guilty of Capital Murder as found by the Jury in the indictment, it being mandatory that your punishment be death, it is therefore the ORDER of this Court that your punishment be DEATH, and that before the hour of sunrise on a date to be determined by this Court upon Mandate of Affirmance issued by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, at the State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, you

be caused to die by intravenous injection of substance or substances in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause your death and until you, the said HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, are dead; said execution procedure to be determined and supervised by the Director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and that the Clerk of this Court issue a Death Warrant in accordance with this sentence, directed to the Director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, or in case of his death, disability or absence, the Warden of the Huntsville Unit of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, or in the event of the death, disability or absence of both such director and warden, then to such other person as is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for that purpose and to deliver such warrant to the Sheriff of this County of Tarrant, State of Texas, to be by him delivered to the said Director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, together with the said HENRY WATKINS SKINNER, and the said HENRY WATKINS SKINNER is remanded to jail to await transportation to the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at Huntsville, Texas, and the execution of this sentence.



March 23, 1995
Date Signed

M. Kent Sims
HONORABLE M. KENT SIMS
JUDGE PRESIDING

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District Clerk, Gray County, Texas

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