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Honorable Charles F. Sandoval, Judge Presiding,

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THE COURT: All right.

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MR. GOELLER: Your Honor, before the jury steps in, they'll put on some victim impact testimony. And at this time I'd like to renew my objections based on my pre-trial motions that I filed regarding victim impact evidence for all the reasons I stated in those motions.

And once the Court has ruled on, and my bottom line premise is -- I think Mosley and the Court of Criminal Appeals and Payne out of U.S. Supreme Court is bad law.

THE COURT: I overrule the objection.

MR GOFFLER: Yes sir And I would

MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir. And I would just ask the Court to note the language in Payne and Mosley directs trial courts to be wary and volume, repetition, and point wherein any probative value outweighs any prejudicial value and tends to outweigh any probative value. The Court's have -- have explicitly held trial courts to be well advised to watch the volume and character and any attempts to compare the self worth of any victims versus the defendant.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. SCHULTZ: And if I might address the Court more, as a footmark for this issue, when it's reviewed at some point in the future, in particular in

Q. And you are the same Gladys Tamez that previously testified during the guilt-innocence stage; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. And when you testified previously, you indicated that James Mosqueda is your brother?

A. Yes.

Q. And y'all are the only two children; is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. How would you describe your relationship with James?

A. We were close, and we spent holidays and birthdays together. He spent a lot of time at the house with the kids, and we talked on the phone three or four times a week. We, you know, grew up together obviously, and he lived in Dallas. I lived in Mesquite, but he'd always make time to come over on the weekends to see the kids, their games and stuff like that.

He was over at our house at every holiday. We'd spend birthdays together. We'd eat dinner together and things like that.

Q. And how many children do you have?

A. Three.

Q. And were all three alive while James was alive?

this case, and I know the record would amply demonstrate, this defendant knew these victims

personally, intimately.

He had connections with them, knew about their lives and the relationships with the people that he murdered. And all the more probative in this case is the fact that this defendant knew that these surviving people would also be victims of his crime and, nevertheless, proceeded with it.

THE BAILIFF: All rise.

THE COURT: Come on in.

(Open court, defendant and jury present.)

THE COURT: Please be seated. Ms. Falco?

MS. FALCO: Call Gladys Tamez.

THE COURT: Ms. Tamez, I just want to

remind you you are still under oath.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

GLADYS TAMEZ,

being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

THE COURT: Have a seat right here. All

right. Ms. Falco?

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. FALCO:

Q. Could you state your name again for the jury.

Gladys Kelly Tamez.

A. Yes. Well, yes, uh-huh.

Q. What kind of uncle was James to your three children?

A. He was a very good uncle. Very caring, he would take care of them for me. He would take them shopping and just spend a lot of time with them. He'd come over to the house, and he'd sit in front of the TV with them, watch video games. Do video games with them and watch movies and just, you know, pretty much was acting like a kid himself with them. He would get on the floor with them and play around and play outside with them.

Q. How has James's death affected your children?

A. My son is real scared of, you know, he thinks somebody else is going to come and do the same thing to us that was done to them, and they miss him. They cry for him everyday.

My two-year-old asks everyday, where is James? Where is James? You know, Amy, Amy is at home. James is at home, and that's it. I mean, my boys know what happened and they can kind of understand, but Alison, she doesn't understand.

- Q. How old is Alison?
- A. She's two.

Q. Have you even tried to explain what happened to

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- She's too young. She just looks at the pictures and says she wants to go to their house. And just says Amy is at home or James is at home.
  - Q. How has James's death impacted you?
- A. The only brother I had is gone. I won't ever have another brother again. And my kids lost the only uncle that they'll ever have. They never got to know Amy as their aunt.

They, you know, they had a lot of plans and stuff to get married and have kids. And they wanted, you know, our kids to be close since they would be cousins so there was not going to be any other ones besides my three and his. I mean, we cry everyday. We grieve everyday for them, and we miss them terribly. We just -- it was like we can't go on without them.

- Do you have any grandparents that are still alive?
- A. Yes.
- And how have you seen James's death impact Q. them?
  - My grandmother doesn't know. We can't tell her because she will die on the spot from it. She thinks they moved away. And my grandfather is just -- he's just really upset about it. He -- he knows Ivan and,

English and that he be able to translate for us.

THE COURT: Is that Louis Garcia?

MS. FALCO: It's actually going to be Mr. Robinson Toledo. Louis had a previous engagement for today.

THE COURT: In fact, I guess I better administer the oath to him while I'm at it. Let me ask both of you to come up to the Bench and stand right here, and I'll swear in the interpreter. Mr. Toledo, would you raise your right hand, please.

(Spanish interpreter sworn in.)

THE COURT: Put your hand down. And I will ask this witness to raise your right hand, please. GLADYS MOSQUEDA,

being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

THE COURT: Put your hand down. Please be seated over here. Do you need to tell her anything before we get started?

THE INTERPRETER: No, sir. Thank you.

THE COURT: Ms. Falco?

(The following was interpreted from

English to Spanish and Spanish to English.)

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. FALCO:

Ms. Mosqueda, would you state your name for the

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you know, he spent time with James and Ivan when they were both little. And he's just really upset about it. James was like a son to him. He raised James.

Why do you think it would affect your grandmother so much?

A. Because she raised James like she was his mother and because she's -- she's old, and she has Alzheimer's. Her health is not good. She would have a heart attack on the spot.

Does she ask about him?

She asks about him all the time. She just wonders why they haven't come over to see her because they used to come over and visit her all the time. And we just tell her that they are real busy, and they moved away. Got a new job. We don't know what else to do.

Q. Do you miss your brother?

A. Uh-huh. Yes, I do.

MS. FALCO: Thank you, Ms. Tamez. Pass the witness.

> THE COURT: All right. You may step down. (Witness excused.)

THE COURT: Call your next witness.

MS. FALCO: Gladys Mosqueda. Your Honor, at this time we're also going to ask that Ms. Mosqueda's interpreter be brought in. She understands only limited record.

Gladys Mosqueda.

Ms. Mosqueda, you understand limited English, but you have an interpreter to help you understand in case there's something you don't understand what I say; is that right?

A. A little bit, yes.

Ms. Mosqueda, how do you know James Mosqueda?

Like how he was?

10:10 10 Who is he in relationship?

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Was he your son?

A. Yes.

Describe your relationship with your son to the jury.

THE COURT: Say --

THE WITNESS: How he was?

THE COURT: Excuse me, just a moment. I'm going to ask you to say aloud the words in Spanish and in English. All right? You don't need to whisper them to her. Let's let everybody hear the words in English and in Spanish.

THE INTERPRETER: All right.

THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

(BY MS. FALCO) I'm sorry, Mr. Toledo, what was

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             A. He was a very good son. We never had any
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          problems. We had a good time.
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             Q. Was he your only son?
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                  Was he the oldest or youngest child?
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          everywhere. He began to work at age 14, and I was
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          always with him. He would take me everywhere, to the
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         games and from the school.
             Q. And as an adult would you say you were close to
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         your son?
             A. He would come and see me at the place of work
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          because I would work all day. And he would come to the
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             Q. And how often would you see your son?
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                      THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry?
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                  (BY MS. FALCO) Did you spend the night with
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          truck -- my truck broke down. So I was -- it was close
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             Q. Two nights, total or two nights a week?
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             A. No. Tuesday and Thursday, only. Only when the
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A. Ever since we divorced -- ever since we divorced, he would see him every 15 days and every chance he had. Q. Do you miss your son? A. Ever since he died, I go to the cemetery two or three times. And I go and I talk with him. The both of them. Q. How often do you go to the cemetery? A. Twice a week since he died or three times because he's across the street from where I work. the witness, Your Honor. THE COURT: You may step down. (Witness excused.) THE COURT: Call your next witness, please. MS. FALCO: Bernadine Kitchen. BERNADINE KITCHEN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows: THE COURT: Ms. Kitchen, you are still under oath. Please be seated over here. THE COURT: Ms. Falco? DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. FALCO:

- car would not work is when I would stay with them.
- Q. Since James's death how has his death affected you?
- We were so close and it has affected me most, than anybody else.
- Q. And in what way? How are you now as opposed to when James was alive?
- A. He would -- he -- I miss him a lot. I need him. He defended me. He would support me. He would do everything for me.
  - Q. Was he a good brother to Gladys?
- 10:14 18 A. He was very good. He was very good. And 10:14 19 within him, he had a very nobel heart. He was silly.
  - Q. Was he a good son to his father?
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- Was he close to his father?
- 10:14 23 A. He would see him every 15 days because we were 10:14 24 divorced, but he never stopped seeing him.
  - And they remained close even after the divorce?

- Ms. Kitchen, could you state your name again for the jury.
- Q. And you are the same Bernadine Kitchen that previously testified during the guilt-innocence phase of this trial?
- 10:17 8 And, Ms. Kitchen, when you previously 10:17 9 testified, you told the jury that Amy Kitchen was your 10:17 10 daughter?
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- 10:17 14 And was Amy the oldest or the youngest?
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- How old was she when she died? 10:17 16
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  - We were just -- had the great wonderful relationship. I mean, you consider mother/daughter, best of friends. I mean, we just talked everyday, and we just had the best of relationships (weeping.)
  - A. Well, it wasn't really about as often as her

- cemetery is close to where I work, and I go and I visit

MS. FALCO: Thank you, Ms. Mosqueda. Pass

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- A. Bernadine Kitchen.
- A. Yes.
- A. Yes.
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    - Would you describe your relationship with Amy?
      - Q. How often would you see Amy?

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                 And she wanted to be an RN?
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                  Oh, yes, definitely.
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             Q. Any particular areas she wanted to be a nurse?
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             A. She definitely wanted to be in the area that
          dealt with children.
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             Q. And how much longer did she have in school
          before she would have been a nurse?
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             A. This was her first semester at TWU. She had to
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          finish one year and one semester.
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             Q. I believe the bailiff has a cup of water. And
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          you talked to her daily on the phone?
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          a part-time job. And she was always making sure that we
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                  Oh, they were just great. I mean, the best
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             Q. And what kind of aunt was Amy to Tabitha?
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          her own daughter. She totally adored her. Tabitha
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          really adored her, too.
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              Q. Did they spend a lot of time together.
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              A. Oh, she was just always concerned about her dad
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          together even though you and Mr. Kitchen were divorced?
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             A. Yes, she was.
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              Q. How has Amy's death impacted you?
              A. It's just tore my world apart. I mean, there
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          hasn't been a day that my heart hasn't been hurt. My
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Q. Have you seen how this has impacted your son,

Q. She was in nursing school?

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Mark? Yes, it has. Α. How has it done that? A. It has affected his work somewhat and his marriage somewhat and have really gone through some problems because of this and just -- he's just not himself. And it will never be the same, never. Q. How about Tabitha? How has Amy's death affected Tabitha? A. You can just sense the loss there just by looking at her. In fact, just the other day she just broke down to her dad, and she just cried and cried. "Where is Amy? Where is Amy?" Q. And how has her death impacted her dad? He made the statement. He said, "I wish I could just go to sleep and never wake up. I miss her so bad." He said, "I just want to go be with her in heaven." Do you miss your daughter? A. Yes, I do, very much. Words cannot even describe it. It's hard to even concentrate when I'm there at work because she's always there on my mind and always will be. I just can't seem to imagine to want to go on without her. MS. FALCO: Thank you, Ms. Kitchen. Pass 20 the witness. THE COURT: No questions? All right. You may step down. (Witness excused.) THE COURT: All right. Call your next witness, please. MS. FALCO: Your Honor, at this time the State rests. THE COURT: All right. MR. GOELLER: We close. MS. FALCO: We close as well, Your Honor. THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, both sides have rested and closed. So that means you've heard all the evidence that you are going to hear in this case. And I'll tell you what I think we'll do. I think we'll take about approximately no more than a five-minute recess. And then we can come back, and you'll hear the arguments of counsel. MR. GOELLER: Judge, may we approach sidebar? (Bench conference.) THE COURT: All right. Ladies and

gentlemen, we're going to take a 20-minute recess. And

then when you come back, you'll hear a short charge from

the Court and then the arguments of counsel. And then

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you'll have a chance to go to lunch at that time if you
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         want or begin your deliberations, however you choose to
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         do it. So let's be in recess in this case for 20
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         minutes.
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                       THE COURT: I have a post charge that the
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         State has prepared. And I understand it's been tendered
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         to the defendant, but perhaps the defendant has some
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         more things to put on the record. So, go ahead,
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                       MR. GOELLER: Actually, Judge, that's why
         I was asking for a little more than five minutes.
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                       THE COURT: You want everybody to come
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                       MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir, if I could. I'm
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         sorry. I didn't make that clear.
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                      THE COURT: I'll step down, and we'll all
         come back in about 15 minutes, and then we'll bring the
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                       MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir.
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                      THE COURT: All right.
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                       THE BAILIFF: All rise.
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                       THE COURT: Let's see, I believe the State
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THE COURT: So 25 and 20?
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                      MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir.
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                      THE COURT: So I'll tell you when it's 25,
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         so you can keep on talking as much as you want.
                      MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir.
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                      THE COURT: I'll tell you when there are
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          two minutes remaining on the 45.
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                      MR. HIGH: Okay.
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                      THE COURT: All right. I believe -- say,
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          let the record reflect that the defendant and his
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          attorneys and the attorneys for the State are present.
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          And I believe the defendant had something to put on the
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                      MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir. I suppose the
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          first thing, Judge, let me file a motion. If I could
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         ask the Court to have this file stamped.
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THE COURT: I tell you what, I'll just mark it filed. The time is about five after eleven.

MR. GOELLER: Essentially what this is -- may I address the Court?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. GOELLER: Essentially what this motion is is a motion for the defendant to be able to close the argument. As the Court knows there is no burden of proof on special issue No. 3.

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wanted to divide their time, a half hour and 15 minutes, right?

MR. SCHULTZ: Yes, Judge.

THE COURT: And you don't want me to give you any kind of a call on the first half hour?

MS. FALCO: Actually the way we're going to do it, Your Honor, Mr. Schultz is going to speak for about five minutes initially, five to ten, and then I'm going to speak.
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THE COURT: For the balance of the half hour?

MS. FALCO: Correct.

THE COURT: Do you want me to tell when you are getting close to the half hour?

MS. FALCO: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Two minutes till the half

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MR. SCHULTZ: I don't need any kind of warning because I'll be self-policing, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. And then I'll give you 2 minutes at the 15 minutes also. And do you want me to do anything to you guys, or leave you alone until you run out or --

MR. GOELLER: Judge, if you could give me a warning at about 25 minutes into my argument.

Typically, why we'd allow the State to open and close is they have the burden of proof, Your Honor. 36.06 of the Code of Criminal Procedure talks about Order of Argument, and it recognizes the State does have the burden in the guilt-innocence phase issues.

It provides that the State's counsel shall have the right to make the concluding address to the jury. This is presumably referring to the guilt-innocence phase of the trial. But in any event, this article, that is 36,07, has no application in a capital case. That's governed by 37.071. 36,01, Order of Proceeding in Trial does not specify the Order of Argument for the punishment phase of the trial.

In 37.071 it governs the procedure in a capital case. The only reference to an Order of Argument is contained in 37.01, subparagraph 2, which provides the State and the defendant -- or the defendant's counsel shall be permitted to present argument for or against the sentence of death.

This places the argument of defense counsel as the concluding argument. Allowing the State to conclude the argument in the penalty phase cannot be justified by the rationale that the State has the burden of proof in the mitigating issue.

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Although 37.072(c) places a burden of beyond a reasonable doubt as to the special issue No. 1, future dangerousness, and the parties which we don't have. The State has no such burden with respect to the mitigation issue for 37.0712(e)1.

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The burden of proof is impermissibly shifted to the defendant by the blatantly unlawful language of 37.072(f)2 that requires at least ten jurors to agree to a yes answer in the mitigation issue.

This not only shifts the burden back to the defendant, but it intentionally misleads the jurors as to the ultimate responsibility for the sentence of life or death. Is that one juror that can hang up with a resulting life sentence which is -- which is the law under 37.071(g) or ten jurors required for a life sentence as they are led to believe.

This burden is cemented by the admonition of the defense and the Court that the jury cannot be advised of the result of their failure to agree on an issue.

In other words, they cannot be told that the vote of one juror can result in a life sentence. The importance to the defense, Your Honor, of being able to respond to the final arguments of the State regarding whether or not there is sufficient mitigation in

aligning them effectively to argue the future danger issue also under the guise of: This has to do with the character of the defendant, and it has to do with the background of the defendant and the circumstances of the offense, all of which are equally related to that issue upon which we do have the burden of proof.

I think the reason we have always been entitled to close argument has been, when a burden of proof is allocated and even in conventional trials where there is no burden of proof on the issue of punishment, same order of argument still applies.

I mean, in a regular burglary case in which the State is asking for some term of years and the defense is asking for some other terms of years or probation, the same story. The State has the right to close evidence.

Even in those cases where the defense has a burden of proof at the punishment phase and that burden of proof is to demonstrate eligibility for probation, for example, even in those circumstances the State still has the right to open and close final argument, and there's nothing about this case that would necessitate any deviation.

Every capital defendant that gets this far in the trial has this same -- this same thing occurred

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defendant's case cannot be overstated.

Defendant's counsel makes this request to provide effective assistance of counsel is guaranteed by the 6th and 14th Amendments and by the U.S. Constitution, Articles I, Section 3, 10, 15, 19 of the Texas Constitution.

In closing, Judge, we'd ask the Court to allow us to have the final word regarding mitigation on the special issue.

THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from the State.

MR. SCHULTZ: First of all, point of argument is essentially discretionary, for starters. The problem with any deviation, there's no authority for this. And, other than just simply to request it. The problem with the deviation from the accepted practice of the State to both open and close final argument in both phases of the trial, is that one of the key if not most important incident in a mitigation question, references the jury directly to the facts of the offense itself and the character of the defendant himself.

If the request were simply to be able to stand up and argue the mitigating evidence only, without that, I suppose -- I suppose it would be a little bit different. But we're going to be in a position of

since 1987, I guess, when we started implementing the Penry decision. That's how it's been. That's how we do all of them.

And I'm not saying that's how we always do it is necessarily the best reason for doing it, but we have -- we have prepared our argument in that way. We have divided our argument in that way.

And there's no way that he can merely concentrate on the mitigation issue anyway without, in a sense, having the last word on the future danger question by arguing things about his character, his -- his background and the facts of the case.

And we would ask you in your discretion to deny the motion which has no statutory or Constitutional basis, nor any buttressing in the case law.

THE COURT: You have final on this issue of the law?

MR. GOELLER: Yes, Your Honor. The State correctly points out it's totally discretionary with the Court. And I'd submit to the Court that this is not a regular burglary case, besides the obvious. A man's life hangs in the balance.

And that third special issue, being no burden of proof on either side, the discretion of the Court ought to allow the defendant the final word on

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THE COURT: I suppose I should ask you on

(Open court, defendant and jury present.)

THE COURT: Please be seated. Ladies and

THE BAILIFF: Yes, Your Honor.

the record, there is no objections in the charge other

MR. GOELLER: No. No, sir.

THE BAILIFF: All rise.

than the ones that you've made, correct?

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gentlemen of the jury, I would once again ask you to 11:14 11 please listen carefully as I read this charge to you. 11:14 12 The original will be placed on the table in the jury 11:14 13 11:14 14 room when you retire to begin your deliberations. (Reading the Court's Charge.) 11:14 15 THE COURT: I've signed this charge with 11:20 16 the special issues at this time. And I would ask the 11:20 17 State, are you ready to proceed? 11:20 18 MR. SCHULTZ: Yes, sir. 11:20 19 11:20 20 THE COURT: All right. Please go ahead. STATE'S CLOSING ARGUMENTS 11:20 21 11:20 22 MR. SCHULTZ: May it please the Court, 11:20 23 Mr. Goeller. 11:20 24 MR. GOELLER: Sir. which he could be held criminally responsible, 11:20 25 MR. SCHULTZ: Mr. High. regardless of whether he has previously been charged 32 MR. HIGH: Sir. 11:20 1 MR. SCHULTZ: Ladies and gentlemen of the 11:20 2 11:20 3

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with or finally convicted of that same act. And I point out to the Court that it's Article 37.07 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

THE COURT: All right. Do you have any other motions? I'll deny the motion.

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MR. GOELLER: Yes. I'd also ask the Court, again, the Court has file marked an Order, included in the papers of the cause, our previous request for special charges in the guilt-innocence phase. At this time I'd ask the Court to include in the charge our previously requested special charge No. 6 on provoking the difficulty and couch that in terms of a mitigating factor.

Along those lines I'd also ask the Court to, at this time, place in the Court's Charge the special issues as they existed prior to September 1st of 1991. Under the former article, it's still in effect for offenses before that. 37.0711 regarding provocation and the issue of provocation and ceased and reasonableness and unreasonableness and the actions on the part of the defendant for 37.0711, Subsection 3(b)3.

THE COURT: All right. Denied.

MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Is there anything else? MR. GOELLER: No. sir.

jury, I have been doing this a long time. And the truth of the matter is every time I stand up and do this kind of case, I think a little of me goes out with the case. I think I bleed a little with the victims.

I get a closeness to juries that is quite remarkable to me. I suppose it's that closeness that I have been able to develop and understanding that I have been able to develop that makes this kind of work rewarding to me.

And I can tell you from my heart there's no place I'd rather be, as hard as this work is on me and as long as I've been doing it, there's no place on this earth I'd rather be than standing up in front of you right now representing the State of Texas, trying this case with decency and honor and integrity, putting on the evidence and allowing good people like you to make a decision to what happens in our society about crimes like this.

I have a special appreciation for Judge Sandoval and what you've done in this case because it's been hard on him. A lot you haven't seen. And if you can imagine all that you have had to listen to just in terms of the lawyers going on and droning on about

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things that you probably already figured out, he's had to hear lots more that you don't even know about and he's been patient and he's been honorable and fair, and I sincerely mean how much I appreciate that.

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And I appreciate the work of the defense attorney because we may be on opposite sides of this trial and we may be miles apart in what we think this evidence shows and what this defendant deserves, but they've tried this case in the best traditions of lawyers and advocates of the people of honor.

And I'd much rather have a hard case and a hard defense than an easy one because what's before us in this kind of work is something that we need to know it's the right thing, and we need to do the right thing in this case.

And I've got a special sensitivity to you people because we spent a lot of time talking with you, and I've watched you and just sort of sensed. And we spend time when you-all are out or when we are waiting for you to come back from lunch.

We talk about, well, what about this juror? This juror seems to be disinterested. And we spent a lot of time trying to figure out what you are thinking and what they view toward perhaps presenting evidence we may anticipate is important to one of you.

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And it's very imprecise. We probably always get it wrong. We probably read you wrong. But one thing I know about you, is every single one of you takes this seriously. Every single one of you has a heart. And every single one of you has told us when you were selected, we wish we didn't have a society where a death penalty is necessary, wishing in your heart that the evidence would emerge in a way that you wouldn't have to return a verdict that would cost somebody his life. And yet, every single one of you said that you recognize the need and the appropriateness of a death penalty, depending on the circumstances, that you would do it, and you would vote the hard thing.

And that's easy to say because the fact of the matter is we're a compassionate people. It's the darnedest situation I've ever understood when I think of about us flying bombers over a country and right behind them flying cargo planes dropping food and supplies. And I guess at first blush that seems very inconsistent, and yet, that's kind of what we're about.

I've got to believe that, in truth, as bad as this fact is, as dangerous as this defendant is, you still got feelings about that. But don't allow yourselves to be put in the place of it is somehow your fault because you guys have been living your lives the

best way you knew how on November 4th, the year 2000, when this defendant was going about his criminal business.

You weren't in the bars with him. You weren't in those drug situations. You weren't going to foreign countries for those drug things. You know the evidence, and you've heard it. We're going to talk some more about that later on. There's a real compassionate streak in people.

We have a tendency, whenever possible, to try to do good. That's our nature. And I guess anytime you get into a punishment situation, I suppose, that doesn't seem like you are doing good, but you really

Some of you are going to come to this conclusion very easily because of the way you are made up. And some of you it will be a lot harder. Some of you, you will struggle with it more.

To those people that find it easy, have compassion and understanding and respect for those people on this jury that don't find it easy because maybe they just come from a different direction from you.

And to those people that are struggling with it and resisting the notion of voting in a way that

causes a death sentence, you have respect for the people that find it easily done because they are good people, too. Every one of you are good people. Every one of you, in your own way, are trying very hard to be fair to all sides and make this a good society.

Something we often forget to do when we deal with victims, ladies and gentlemen, is we spend a lot of time talking about the defendant, and we really don't have a place for the victims because the victims are dead.

We don't have the opportunity to watch them and be talking to us and whispering to us and wonder what they are thinking or thinking about them. We don't hear a whole lot about them except in this phase of the trial. But I know because I know the 12 of you very well but that you all care very much about these people and what they lost.

(Mr. Schultz addressing both victims' family members in the gallery in Spanish and English.)

MR. SCHULTZ: I know I speak for the jury. MR. GOELLER: Objection. Objection as to

the form of the argument.

THE COURT: Sustained.

MR. GOELLER: Mr. Schultz speaks for the

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MR. SCHULTZ: Everybody here understands and appreciates your loss. There is not much we can do to correct that. But what we can do, ladies and gentlemen, is address this issue and stand firm in our resolve.

I truly appreciate and respect what you are going to do in this case. I don't denigrate any of this responsibility. We believe we've proven beyond a reasonable doubt that this defendant, if given the opportunity, would be a danger to our society. And we believe that all 12 of you know in your heart of hearts that we've done that, and we've proven that.

I speak from the heart when I say we'll talk to you later on. And now, Mr. Cantu, is the time for us to be talking about you.

MS. FALCO: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, defense counsel: In talking about the defendant it's time now for y'all to go back there and answer questions. And in answering these questions, you are to take into consideration all the evidence that you heard. The evidence during the guilt-innocence phase, the evidence during the punishment phase and use that to answer these questions.

When you get to that first question, it's

That's what you use to decide if this defendant is a future danger.

We start out with the fact he always goes for the head. He's a killer. He shot James Mosqueda twice in the head. He shot Amy Kitchen in the head. He shot at Amy Boettcher's head, missing her by inches. Held a gun to her head.

Michelle Traister. You heard about what he did to her on numerous occasions. Pounded her head into the concrete. Punched her in the head. Kicked her in the head. He's always going for the head.

Jennifer Snyder. Same thing. Punches to the head. You heard the police officers talk about bruises to her forehead. Lumps on her head. He has absolutely no regard for human life.

Damages property. Doesn't respect property either. His mother's own car. Kicks in the passenger door. Kicks in the driver door. Violence demonstrated on the property. And he doesn't limit his -- he doesn't even have a drug of choice.

He doesn't limit himself. It's whatever he wants because he's selfish. It's alcohol; it's marijuana; it's mushrooms; it's cocaine; it's methamphetamine; it's ecstasy. Whatever he can get his hands on, that's what he does. He doesn't care about

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what we've been calling the future dangerousness question. It's the only question that we have the burden of proof on. There's nothing in that question that limits your consideration to prison. It doesn't ask, can the defendant safely be held in prison? There's no definition of society. There's nothing in that question that limits your definition of society to be just prison. You are free to consider society to be

And I think Dr. Quijano said it the best. This question is about assessing the defendant's character, his propensity for violence. And as he put it, if given the opportunity would this defendant have the desire to commit criminal acts of violence? Would this defendant, if given the opportunity, have the desire to beat his next wife?

the world that we live in, including prison.

Would this defendant, if given the opportunity, have the desire to shoot his next girlfriend, to be argumentative, belligerent, aggressive toward his mother. There's no doubt that the answer to that question is yes.

And in looking at all the evidence,
Dr. Quijano told you, he said, look at their background.
Look at the -- their criminal history. Look at the
crime. That's what you use to answer this question.

anybody but himself.

Not only does he do all these things and he does them easily, he does them freely, but he's driving around while he's doing it. He's not doing it at home. He's out at Club Seven. He's out at Metal's house. He's out at the lake. He's driving on the same roads that you and I are driving on, and that makes him dangerous.

And you heard about the two times he did get caught. One time was at the Carrollton Police Department, the evading arrest. He's going 80 miles an hour in a 30-mile-an-hour zone. He's going so fast that he loses control of his car. He's a danger.

You also heard about the reckless driving. Dallas police. The officer told you about him when he was leaving that club, Eden 2000, down there on lower Greenville, going 50 miles an hour through the parking lot. People literally diving to get out of his way, going airborne to get out of his way. He didn't care about those people. If they didn't dive to get out of his way, they could have been hurt. They could have been killed. He never stopped. He didn't care.

You know that he has absolutely no respect for authority. You saw that from both the Carrollton Police Department and Dallas when they stopped him and

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You heard from his probation officers, Chris Jones. No respect for the Court's order, no respect for the probation department. Lied to the probation department. Used health products from GNC to fake his urine test so he could pass them. No respect.

Absolutely no respect for his mother. Carlos told you about that. You heard about incidences where he was cussing. His own mother said he didn't respect her.

No respect for the military. He goes in there. They have rules and things that he has to do and he has to obey just to get through boot camp. He doesn't want to do it. He says, "I'm out of here," and he takes off. No respect for authority.

You know he's a thief. He got convicted of it. He did a day in jail for it. And this crime. When he goes over there and he kills Amy and James, he takes the car, he takes the money, he takes the jewelry. He's a thief. He's dishonest.

You know he's a wife beater, woman beater, and you heard from Michelle. Constant for two years. Pounding her head, kicking her in the head, slamming her

weeks. And then the beatings start.

Michelle he convinced to never even call the police on him. Convinced her to stay so he could beat her some more. For two years she put up with that.

Jennifer put up with it for several months. Despite the fact she called the police, he was able to charm her into staying, charm her into at least not leaving him.

Amy Boettcher, kept her with him until he got arrested. We know he has no problem threatening people. Threatening Amy with a gun to her head.

He's always threatening his mom. He's abusive. He's aggressive toward her. You heard about the situation with Patrick Swann. You heard about the situation with Rick Alcala.

You heard from Lance Teichelman about the threat of Paul Maggio. The man that hit on Lance's wife. The defendant bragging, I'm part of the Gambino clan. I can have him taken out for you if you want to. That's the kind of talk he talks.

Patrick Swann, when he was escorting him out there because he was so abusive to his own mother, he told Patrick Swann, "You don't know who you are messing with. You don't know who I am." That's the kind of man he is. No remorse. Absolutely no remorse.

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head in the concrete.

You heard about Jennifer. Same thing. Hitting her in the head. Pushing her down the stairs. You heard about Amy Kitchen because we talked about it during the guilt-innocence phase that we know that somebody's blood is all over the wall and the ceiling.

And you heard from Paulette Sutton that that was a hit or a kick. We talked about it's a reasonable inference that was Amy because she's the one that had the blood in the lungs. She's the one that had the blood in the airways. It's a reasonable inference that he was torturing her. And you already know what he thinks about women. So he's doing that to Amy Kitchen.

And then Amy Boettcher, same thing. Shooting at her head, gun to her head, slamming her hand in the door. He has no respect for women, and he's going to take his abuse out on her. And then his pattern of behavior. Just to show that he's controlling. He's manipulating. He's cunning. He's charming when he wants to be.

Look at Michelle Traister. Look at
Jennifer Snyder. Look at Amy Boettcher. They are all
small in stature. They are all weak and quiet, low
self-esteem. He was able to charm them. Within weeks,
marry two of them. Engaged to the third one, within

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Immediately after the murders, he's ready to go party. He's ready to go kick it at Seven, in Amy's words. Let's go do drugs. Let's go dancing. Let's go smoke some crack. Let's go to Arkansas and hang out with your parents. No remorse.

Carlos told you, no remorse. Dick Kremer said the defendant sat down in front of him and said, "Don't think I'm a bad man, but I didn't think much of my cousin, and I'm not real upset that he's dead." No remorse.

Dr. Quijano said people like that have no conscious. Whereas you or I, when we do something wrong or we do something bad, we feel horrible. Want to fix it, want to correct it. People with no conscience don't feel that, and that's him. That makes him more dangerous.

And Dr. Quijano says it's even worse when they do want to go out and have fun afterwards. Not only do they not have remorse, but they are so unbothered by it, that they can go out and they can party and it's all okay. Not even thinking about the slaughter they just committed.

We believe that the evidence showed beyond a reasonable doubt that this defendant is dangerous. We believe that the evidence showed beyond a reasonable

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doubt that, if given the opportunity this defendant would desire to commit criminal acts of violence. And we ask that you go back there and unanimously answer yes to that first special issue.

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And when you do, you get to the second special issue which is the mitigation question. With regard to the mitigation question, if you recall, it asks you to take into consideration the circumstances of the offense, his background, personal moral culpability. Take all that into consideration and ask yourself: Is there anything sufficiently mitigating to warrant a life sentence?

Look at the circumstances of the offense. He slaughtered two people. He killed two people. They are not here anymore. They are gone by no actions of their own. What's so sufficiently mitigating that his life ought to be saved? Nothing. Go back to no remorse. There's absolutely no remorse.

And you even have further -- this jailhouse conversion. Well, I'm a Christian now. Well, you can be suspect about that. Look at the timing. You know he's a conniver, a manipulator. He's looking at coming in here. He knows he's going to be facing y'all. And if this is such a true conversion, where is the repentance? Where is the, Lord, forgive me for

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slaughtering these two people? It's not there. His own --

MR. GOELLER: Objection. That's an absolute lie. It is there.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MS. FALCO: His own mother -- his own aunt still think he's innocent. So if he's repenting, if he's sorrowful, why are they still thinking he's innocent? He hadn't repented. He's not sorry. He's not remorseful.

He had money. He had success when he wanted it. You heard about him making \$130,000 a year in the mortgage business. He had a nice home. Had cars, had boats, had money to go party. Nothing about his family background held him back. Nothing kept him down. He was successful. He could have been a productive member of society if he wanted to be.

Family support. He had a dad that loved him. His parents got divorced like 50 percent of the kids in America, but his dad loved him. And Imelda said his dad loved him and saw him when he could. Always paid his child support. It was never an issue, despite the fact his own mother was trying to double dip on that. Dad did what he could. Dad loved him. Dad was there. He had mom. He had aunts that loved him and

supported him. He had family support.

And the alcohol and the drugs, this is something that we talked about with all of y'all during voir dire. Is that something that's mitigating or aggravating? In this circumstance it's aggravating.

This defendant has been doing alcohol.
He's been doing drugs since you know at least early
'90s. It's his choice. He can control it. He doesn't
want help. He doesn't care. He knows he hurts people.
He knew he was beating up his wife. He didn't stop. He
didn't care.

You also know that he can be drunk, or he can be on drugs and have a great time and not hurt anybody when he's out at Club Seven, or he's out at the lake, or he's out with his buddies. That doesn't automatically make him violent.

You also know that he can be violent without being on drugs or without being drunk because Michelle told you that. Michelle was like, yeah, he pushed me and he hit me. And he didn't have anything to drink, and he didn't have any drugs. That's just his nature, and he just chooses to do the drugs and the alcohol.

And there's absolutely no evidence that this defendant was on drugs or drinking when he

committed this horrible crime. The only evidence is that as soon as he got home, he goes in the freezer and gets the mushrooms, and later on does the cocaine, the meth, the ecstasy.

There is no evidence that when he killed James and Amy he was on anything. In fact, we know he was talking about it a couple weeks prior when he was talking to Jeff Boettcher about it, about the money and the drugs that are over there. And he can kill them and get the money and the drugs. It wasn't spontaneous.

We know he's not a productive member of society. You heard from his mom all the different jobs he's had. Went from one job to the next. Always 'cause he was greedy. Always looking for more money. Never giving back to society. And the kind of places he worked, Baby Dolls. Is that contributing to society? Is that benefitting anyone here in Collin County?

How did he spend his money and his time?
He spent his money and his time on drugs, in bars, out at the lake, partying. You didn't hear about volunteer work. This isn't the doctor that came up with some great cure. This isn't the decorated soldier. Even the Navy doesn't want him. The Navy, you heard me read from the Naval records. Dishonorable discharge. Navy doesn't think much of him.

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MR. GOELLER: Objection. He did not get a dishonorable discharge, Your Honor.

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MS. FALCO: It's in the records.

MR. GOELLER: No, it's not. It's not a dishonorable discharge.

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, you are going to have to determine what the evidence is. The attorneys -- at this time the attorneys will tell you how they saw the evidence, and ultimately, you must decide. Go ahead.

MS. FALCO: And that might be the only thing you think might benefit society. Well, he at least enlisted or enrolled in the military. But you heard he left after two months. And according to his family, defendant said that was the worst mistake he ever made. Not the wife beating, not the drugs, not the DWI, the possession of cocaine, not that. But going into the military. That was the worst mistake he ever made. That's the way he thinks.

Look at all the lives he destroyed. Look at the Mosquedas. Look at the Kitchens. They've lost something that they can never get back. Never. Look at Amy Boettcher. You saw her. She's a mess. She has to live with the vision of those dead bodies for the rest of her life. Jennifer Snyder moved halfway around the

from Amy and James. He stole their stuff. Dope smoking. There's plenty of evidence of that. Freeloading, just goes from place to place. Lives with Mr. Bobbitt for a month, lives with his mom for a week, lives with his brother for a week. Goes wherever he can to just freeload. Lack of responsibility.

Law-breaking. You heard about all the times he got arrested, including the P.I. in the military. Cop running. He's running from the cops the two times they go after him on the reckless driving and on the DWI. Both times he's running from them.

He doesn't like women. Carlos told you that from the beginning. He doesn't like women. He doesn't respect them. And then look how he treated the women who were close to him, how he treated his mother. How he treated his two wives. How he treated Amy Boettcher. How he treated Amy Kitchen. He's jealous.

We know that's the whole reason he committed this crime. He's jealous of James, what he had, his money. Jealous that Amy got to benefit from that. He's controlling and manipulating. That's how he gets what he wants from these women. That's how he gets what he wants in life. Except the military. When he couldn't get what he wanted, he left.

He's cowardly. Beats up on women. Beats

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world. She moved to the Marshall Islands to get away from him.

MR. GOELLER: Objection. That's a misstatement of the law. Her parents live there. They are in the military. They even brought that up.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MS. FALCO: And Michelle Traister, still trying to get herself back together. Still trying to go to the jail to show the defendant: You tried to destroy me, but you can't. Still trying to prove to herself. Still trying to gain her self-worth back. Look at all the lives he has destroyed.

When you evaluate the character, when you evaluate it both to show there is absolutely nothing mitigating about him. Nothing worth saving his life over. You also use this to see if he's dangerous. This is a summary of his character.

You know he's lying. He lied about the pizza man story. He lied to his mom about the drugs, about what he was in jail for. He lied with the probation officer about the drugs. And Michelle Traister said, That's finally what got me to leave him. All the lies. Couldn't put up with the lies.

You know he's a thief. He was convicted for it. He did jail time for it, and that's what he did

up on people smaller than him. People that can't protect themselves. And when he does finally go after a man, he goes after James. He goes after them while he's in bed, laying down in his bedroom clothes. He's a coward.

Drunk, you know, he's drinking all the time. You heard that along with all the drugs. You know, he's a wife beater, and now he's a convicted killer. There's nothing mitigating about his life worth saving. And I ask that you go back there and you unanimously answer that second question no. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Falco.

Mr. Goeller, would you like to open for the defendant?

MR. GOELLER: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right.

DEFENSE CLOSING ARGUMENTS

MR. GOELLER: If it please the Court.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. GOELLER: Mr. Schultz.

MR. SCHULTZ: Yes, sir.

MR. GOELLER: Ms. Lowry, Ms. Falco. The number of occasions that a lawyer stands up and argues for the life of a human being are rare, maybe once in a lifetime, maybe a couple times at most. You feel pretty woefully inadequate to do a job like this, but let me

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Two themes, I think, that maybe they are competing themes at the punishment phase of a trial and especially with a capital murder trial: mercy and justice. Your verdict will not grant Ivan Cantu freedom. We're not asking for freedom. Your verdict, no matter what it is, will not bring back the deceased.

You know, over 400 years ago Shakespeare wrote about a trial in The Merchant of Venice. Back then the jury was really the victim. The victim's family and they got to really decide what happened. And back then, if you had committed a crime or even broke a civil promise and you were found guilty, the victim could demand a pound of your flesh. And they would weigh it out, one pound. And usually they would cut around the heart and the chest because that would certainly ensure death.

And Shakespeare wrote about maybe not taking that pound of flesh because in the end, what does it really prove? If we value life so much like we say we do, if we really value life, why would we take it if we don't have to? Why would we take it if we don't have to?

Mercy, I don't know if putting him in the penitentiary for 40 calendar years is mercy. Maybe

hope, no redemption whatsoever. If there is a glimmer of hope, some hope, why would we kill?

I can't undo what's done. I can't bring the victims back. I can't go back in his life -- I wish I could -- and change things. I think it's pretty clear by now that the choices we make in life aren't just freewill.

The one person he did probably get closest to was Washona, you know, his cousin. She died of AIDS or pneumonia complicated by AIDS. As she probably lay there dying, however old Ivan was at the time and she was at the time, I wonder if anybody would have said, you know, you were a prostitute at that truck stop because that was your freewill. We shouldn't pity you. We shouldn't feel sorry for you. Those are choices you made in your life.

You know, you think about us. And you maybe think about walking out of church or something like that. And you come across a friend or a neighbor or a fellow churchgoing member. And they say, you know, my child is in trouble. My child has been arrested. My child is doing drugs. My child is engaging in hazardous sex acts, questionable sex, all those things.

Do you turn to your neighbor, your friend, your loved one, maybe a member of your church and say,

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giving him a life sentence sentences him to die a little bit everyday for the next 40 years.

You think about 40 years. People are born. They go to school. They go to grade school. They go to middle school. They go to junior high and high school. Maybe they go to college. Maybe they start a career. Maybe they get married. Maybe they get divorced. Maybe they have children. Maybe they have grandchildren. I mean, it's a long time.

You know as you sit there right now that if, and as everybody has told you, we don't know. My guess is he'll die in the joint if he's given a life sentence. He'll be 60 or 70 years old when he gets out, but that's a long time.

And I can't sit up here and -- if there was something I could do, you know, you get in these kind of trials and you start thinking about: What if? What if he would have stayed in the Navy? All indications he did pretty good while he was in there. He just walked out the front gate. Maybe he didn't have the tools to stay.

Again, the theme here or the bottom line is when -- when a society, if we've got to kill somebody, aren't we killing, if we're going to do that, the worst of the worst. Those that have absolutely no

well, they had a choice about it? No. No one would do that. You would say, what can I do to help? What can be done to maybe save them?

But when we come in in the confines of a criminal courtroom, there are those that would have you believe it's just freewill. It's just a choice. He made choices. Now kill him.

I don't think that's how life operates. Is he the worst of the worst? He's never been to the penitentiary before. He doesn't go around as a predator. He doesn't abduct and rape and kill.

And all the examples that the State has given you why. Why would they be asking all those experts about the people that abducted the little retarded girl and raped her and tortured her and killed her? Why do they do that? Why do they do that? Because they know from day one, back in August, to help you kill him, to help you kill him, if they can dehumanize him and make him subhuman, it's a lot easier for you folks to pull the plug.

Now, I would ask you folks, how many times have you heard the word Adolf Hitler? Those three know what they are doing. You think they -- we spent how many hours since August talking about Hitler, and Pol Pot, and Jeffrey Dahmer, and Timothy McVeigh, and the

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Unibomber, Osama bin Laden. You think they did that for fun? Yeah, it got a little humorous at times, but there was method in that.

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There is a reason Mr. Schultz pounded on those people. Because the more you hear about it and the more you can link it to him, he's less than a human being. Dehumanize him. That's their goal. Dehumanize him, and then it's easier to kill him. When you folks, if you buy into that, well, yeah, he did kill 20 million people, kinda like 6 million people. He's not a human being.

Ask yourselves, when you go back into that jury deliberation room: Why did the No. 1 name in this trial come up at least a thousand times, I'll betcha, since August, Adolf Hitler? And what does that have to do with this case? From the prosecution's point of view, it's got a lot to do with it.

The special issues, Mr. Schultz talked a lot about common sense. Probability would commit criminal acts of violence. And we play a lot of semantics: Would, will. Would is past tense of will.

It is common sense. Anybody that's been convicted of capital murder is a danger. We're not fighting that. If he got out on the street today, and he got back into drugs and bad relationships with women

that. They could have brought you, you know, on the government side, they could have brought you every ward in the State, every special investigator. They could have brought you somebody, anybody to say, well, you know, our own statistics are a bunch of lies. Not one person.

I'd submit to you, they know this is the truth. They don't like that. They don't want that. That's why they want to say, well, you let him out today, he'll be bad, but that's not common sense. We know he's not getting out. We know he'll never see, if he lives that long, the outside world for 40 years.

Dr. Quijano said -- I asked him, I said,
Do we have any statistics on that? He said, Well,
everybody said we know that they age out of all this.
But those people that have been in 40 years, nobody has
been able to do it yet. I'm not asking for mercy.
Because I don't think -- why? Mercy is a "me" word.
Just is -- is an "us" word. Us.

What is our, really, our societal responsibility? The war on drugs. Okay. Not my job. The probation officer. Yeah, there's dope in his urine. He's still doing drugs. Well, we didn't do anything about it. It's not my job. That's some other judge, some other probation officer. That's not my job. Well,

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and economic turmoil, he'd be a danger. They all would. If somebody killed a police officer and you let him out, wouldn't he be a danger? That's not what we're talking about. That's the obvious.

We brought you their statistics. The government's statistics. Again, back to -- if you don't have to kill, why would you? What, the rates of violence? Point -- it wasn't even a percentage. It wasn't a percentage. I suppose -- you know, it cuts both ways.

They want to say, well, he's a real bad manipulator. You know, he's been in the Collin County jail now a year, and he's been perfect. And they'll stretch, and they'll say, well, he did file a complaint because the styrofoam melted into the rest of his food. You know, troublemaker, manipulator, complainer.

You can't win. If he had been bad and he had been threatening staff and other inmates and trying to hurt people, you would have heard about that. But if you don't have that, well, that's somehow manipulation. Because we heard from Dr. Quijano manipulation maybe is not a bad thing in the sense of the penitentiary and incarceration. We have the means to make him -- make him not be a danger.

Play that videotape again, 40 years of

that's your tax dollar getting paid for those kind of people to say: That's not my job.

They know they have a problem. We know drugs are a problem. Every -- our federal government, our State government tells us that. Maybe if somebody would have done their job, they would have taken him off the street, put him in a penitentiary, a jail, put him in an inpatient lockdown drug clinic or something like that. "It's not my job."

I can't stand up here and justify or excuse his conduct, but he didn't do this in a vacuum, folks. He didn't do it in a vacuum. I wish I could go back. I wish he could have loved a grown-up in a two-parent loving family. I wish he didn't have to get in cars at a young age with his mother and go beg for child support and all the problems that Sylvia brought on this child.

Now, what about his father? Well, nobody heard about him going to court and fighting for rights and saying, "Judge, this isn't right. We're going to ruin this kid. I want my visitation. I want this kind of nonsense to stop." Not their job.

I wish -- I wish the families hadn't told this kid, be more like your cousin, James. Be more like your cousin, James. Is there some responsibility there?

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Did the man deserve to die? No. But as Sylvia's calling this man, help me with my son. He's going crazy. He's on drugs. Well, Sylvia, I've strung him out. I'm really sorry. I'll see what I can do.

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Does James Mosqueda and Amy Kitchen accept some of the responsibility for what's gone on here today? Detective Winn: Kilos, 50 to 200 pounds of pot at a clip. How many victims are not out there now? I don't know.

Nobody ever came in and said, you know, James Mosqueda, he always made sure those drugs never filtered down to kids. You didn't hear that. Major supplier. Where it went after that? Who knows?

I'm not trying to justify what he's been convicted of, but there's some responsibility about dealing dope. But when you string a kid out, bad things can happen, and they did.

The State wants to talk about the war on drugs, and the drugs, and the drugs, and the drugs. But where's their responsibility in this, too, you know? Amy Boettcher. Still like to know what -- why he wouldn't want to polygraph her.

Do you have some doubts about some of her testimony and some of the evidence? But even after all this, not one thing is done about it. Not one thing has

Has the State proven in the high 90s that that probability more likely than not, over 50 percent, based on everything you know. And they know it's right because if it wasn't, they would have put 20 witnesses up there to say Cunningham was wrong.

They know it's right, and that's why they are afraid. That's why they want to tell you, base your decision on your emotions today if he got out. But that's not common sense. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever.

I -- a couple notes I made. I just feel that there has to be absolutely no hope, no glimmer of light. The light has to be totally snuffed out. It has to be extinguished before we kill. He has shown times in his life great promise. He's not a sociopath. He's not a psychopath. If he was the State would have brought you witnesses to tell you that.

He's a product of many, many, many things that went wrong in his life. Not as a justification for what he did, but he didn't commit these crimes in a vacuum.

The death penalty is -- I think as a juror, as lawyers, as judges, as everybody in the system, the death penalty or imposing it, killing somebody is one of those things that you hope to God you

been done about it. And the Carlos Gonzalezes, and the Chris Heads, and the Anthony Fonsecas, and the Lips, and the Metal. What has been done about it?

We're going to take a big broom, as the State would have it. We're going to lift up the carpet and sweep all the trash under it. Kill him, and then we can tie a nice little bow on it, and we can all go home. Did our job. Did our job. Killed him.

Again, is he the worst of the worst? Do you have a history of violence in confinement? He's not a revolving door in the penitentiary. He had never been there before. Is there some hope, based on that tape and all the testimony you heard with psychological counseling? No access to drugs or at least on a level Dr. Quijano would tell you it's a problem.

No ability to have relationships with those kinds of girls, educational opportunities, religious opportunities. Is it so wrong to try that? When we talked about the statistics, their statistics. And Dr. Cunningham was very frank over the course of a four-year period, maybe a 20 percent chance that he would involve in some type of assaultive conduct. And you go back and you look at that, and beyond a reasonable doubt we talked about. You know that high 90s?

made the right decision because there's no going back. There's no going back.

If all of this is wrong, if all of this is wrong, folks, or you say to yourselves, you know what? This is that half a percent. He will be one of those two people.

Dr. Cunningham told you the line is so thin he couldn't make PowerPoint given. If he's -- has the State proven to you he's one of them? If they have, if he's one of them, then I'm wasting my time. But they haven't proven that.

The second special issue or the last special issue to you deal with talks about mitigation. You've heard a lot about his -- how he grew up. Dr. Cunningham has explained in great detail. How we get to make the choices in our life. We don't do it in a vacuum.

Nobody wakes up one day and says, I'm going to be a capital murderer today. What I'm asking for is justice, not mercy. I'm not asking for the "me" word. I'm asking for the "us" word. We just can't pick up the carpet and sweep it all underneath it, folks. There are bigger things at stake here, bigger things at play.

Mr. High is going to talk to you about

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maybe the concepts of redemption and remorse and things like that that he's more in tune with than me. But my last words to you -- and we don't get to go last. The State will get up, and they'll attack what I have said. And they will -- they will call for his blood. They will do that. He has done it. She has done it, and they'll do it again. They want you to kill this kid.

But, again, my -- my last question to you: Is he the worst of the worst in this world? Is he the Adolf Hitler and the Joseph Stalin and the Pol Pot, and the Osama bin Laden, and the Jeffrey Dahmer, and the Timothy McVeigh? Because that's why they said it a thousand times, to get you to link him to the worst of the worst.

The candle has been blown out. Exterminate him. Bring him to Huntsville. Poison him so his blood boils, and he dies because he's the worst of the worst. There's absolutely no hope left. That's what they want you to do.

I'm here to tell you there's still life. The candle still burns. And as Christians who are we to blow out that candle? Maybe I couldn't stand up here and say that if I were defending Adolf Hitler or Pol Pot or Jeffrey Dahmer and the iron suits, and blast him into outer space, and hang him from cables, and put him in

out? Or does it still glimmer somewhat? Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Goeller. Mr. High, are you ready to argue?

MR. HIGH: I'm ready. May it please the Court and opposing counsel, Mr. Schultz.

MR. SCHULTZ: Yes, sir.

MR. HIGH: Ms. Falco and Ms. Lowry.

Mr. Goeller?

MR. GOELLER: Sir.

MR. HIGH: And ladies and gentlemen of the jury, bear with me. Like Mr. Goeller, I've never been here before. I've been training for this all my life, and now I'm here arguing for the life of a man. We're talking about a candle still burning. We're talking about a light that could potentially be snuffed out by you, by the State of Texas.

And I find myself in the position of advocating, pleading, begging for the life of one of God's creatures, Ivan Cantu. And since I've become an attorney, I've realized the parallel between the attorney who is an advocate, who advocates and pleads, represents his client before a tribunal, before a judge or before a jury and the Father/Son who is the ultimate advocate, who pleads our case everyday.

And I hope you will bear with me because I

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Mr. Schultz doesn't do that to waste your time. Trust me. He doesn't do it to hear himself talk. Trust me. You know, in cases like this you don't know what to argue.

THE COURT: I just want to tell you that you've used about 25 minutes.

MR. GOELLER: Yes, sir. Thank you, Judge. You know, life and death cases, you know, a lot of things go through your head because I don't argue this stuff on a regular basis, on no basis.

A lot of things come in your head. Your own spiritual beliefs and, you know, Cain and Abel. I've been told by great scholars, the only time God ever directly talked about murder was Cain and Abel and didn't kill them.

God says, I'm not going to kill you. I'm going to banish you, though. I don't bring the Bible up much, but I don't try these kind of cases much. And I think there's maybe something to be learned from that, in that biblical story. I don't know.

I'm going to let -- I'm going to sit down, and Mr. High's going to talk to you. And I'd ask you, folks, while you deliberate, just ask yourselves: Has the light been blown out? Has the candle been snuffed

feel, I believe Mr. Goeller feels that this is a tremendous burden that we've carried for months. And in just few moments we're going to hand it over to you. It's going to become your burden.

We're all earthly creatures. We live on a planet. We live in a country where we've made laws. We've developed a penal code, and we've said what's right and what's wrong. But we've established criminal responsibility and we've established consequences.

Our hope is that it will bring order and harmony. Hopefully, we can live at peace together. That's our hope. For the most part it works.

There's these concepts of justice and law and order. We all have different ideas of what justice is. The State's idea of justice, at least with respect to this case, is to take a life. "An eye for an eye."

Mr. Goeller, Shakespearian concept, "a pound of flesh." I didn't know that. But that's what the State wants. They want you to reach in and grab that heart and kill this young man. Let there be no question about that.

Justice on this side of the room means killing. Justice on this side of the room means saving a life. The line is drawn. You're going to have to decide what justice really is in this case.

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I would suggest to you that "eye for an eye," "a pound of flesh" are Old Testament type concepts. They are based in history. They are based in the olden days. It means this for that. They also involve anger. They involve disgust. They involve, I'm tired of you. Sick of you. Be gone.

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Ladies and gentlemen, you've seen that demonstrated by the State's table over here. They are angry. They are disgusted. They are sick of it. And they acted that way, not just about Mr. Ivan Cantu, but they treated an innocent victim, a witness over here, Sylvia Cantu, in the most reprehensible way.

She doesn't have a dog in this fight, ladies and gentlemen. She hurts just like the rest of us do. But they spit and argued with her and attacked her in a mean, hateful, dishonorable way because they are mad, because they want a pound of flesh, because they are angry. You saw it. It ain't pretty.

Now, I understand they've got a job to do. I understand that. I understand that they are appointed by the government. I understand that there's a death penalty in this State. I understand that it's their responsibility, if they feel that they've got the right case, to go for it.

The Old Testament is consistent with "eye

a shooting, if you think about it. You got to get up close. Think about that, ladies and gentlemen. Bad, it's a bad crime.

And I apologize, Pastor Davis. I know this is tough on you to hear this. It was tough on him to take the witness stand. I'm sure it was humiliating. He has never done that before. He had to relive it all over again.

But I want to ask you something, when you think about human emotion, which is more attractive, anger, hostility, fire spitting, the irritation, the anger, or a more calm, reserved, relaxed concept of mercy, grace and love? Which one lasts longer? Which one has more staying power? Which one makes you feel better in the end? Is it the anger, the hostility, the disgust? Or is it the calm resolute peace that you get from doing the right thing?

Pastor Davis is the embodiment of a life that has been redeemed. And he testified that the Heavenly Father was not through with him. That the Heavenly Father had great plans for him.

And we've seen that borne out very clearly in these exhibits right here, Defendant's Exhibits 41 and 42, 41 and 40. I suggest to you, this is your evidence. Take it back with you and read it.

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for an eye," "a pound of flesh." Recall in the Old Testament there were burnt offerings, sin offerings, killings all to atone for sin, for wrongdoings, for falling short.

There was a price to be paid. Often it was a life. We're not in the Old Testament anymore. There's -- as Maury Davis pointed out, there's the New Testament concept of grace and mercy.

You see, God himself got tired of the old way of doing things because it was angry and it was hurtful and it wasn't pretty, and he decided to atone for our sins in a new way. By sending mercy and grace and the redemptive theme that has pervaded history.

Now, the story of Maury Davis is one of mercy and love and grace. And what's so interesting about that is his crime -- well, actually, you think about it, Ivan's crime, however bad it was, and it was terrible. But Ivan's crime was really no worse than that of Maury Davis, if you think about it.

I mean, when you heard him describe that, you could almost smell and feel the sensation of the crime. What a horrible thing. People that -- a lady that he didn't even know. Dead, at his hand. The closeness of a stabbing.

Stabbing is a whole lot more personal than

You'll see that he is very forthcoming in saying that he went to trial. He was 18 years old, a new Christian and very much alone. It talks about the prison chaplain.

He talks about Chaplain Dick Kastner and how he served as his pastor. He talked about his ministry foundation was discovered and developed while he was in prison. And he gives Chaplain Kastner credit for it in this bulletin right here.

And what's surprising, at the bottom he puts his TDC No. 249079. Very interesting. Here's a man convicted of murder, goes to prison, does the best that he can, survives, works on himself, comes out a new creation, and yet is humble enough to tell people this is what I went through.

This is who I am, and God's not finished with me yet. And God may not be finished with you, either. What a tremendous witness that can be. Those of you who aren't Christians, who don't subscribe to the faith, certainly you can recognize the social benefit to someone who comes out and says, I've made an effective change in my life. I'm now a force for good instead of bad.

MR. SCHULTZ: Excuse me, Judge. We're going to object to that as a misstatement of evidence.

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12:22 1 THE COURT: Overruled. MR. SCHULTZ: Excuse me. Specifically, 12:22 2 12:22 3 there's been no demonstration of anybody coming out and saying, this is what I've done. There's been no 12:23 4 12:23 5 demonstration of that at all in this record in this case. The State would object to such an inference 12:23 6 before this jury that that's been said. 12:23 7 12:23 8 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen of the 12:23 9 jury, this is argument of counsel --12:23 10 MR. HIGH: How much time do I have? 12:23 11 THE COURT: -- how they have heard the 12:23 12 evidence, what they think it means, what they want you 12:23 13 to do. 12:23 14 You have about six minutes remaining. 12:23 15 MR. HIGH: Thank you, Judge. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, just take a look at the evidence 12:23 16 12:23 17 that's been admitted before you because we've got a 12:23 18 gentleman that's giving credit to the veterans of this 12:23 19 nation. 12:23 20 I'm congratulating them and telling them 12:23 21 that they mean something to this country that has social value, that has worth. We know that. We've never known 12:23 22 12:23 23 that any more than we do today.

any concern or fear that you have about him, he's going to be gone for the next 40 years, locked up behind bars. That doesn't mean that he won't have an opportunity to impact his world and work on himself and try to change.

What I want to point out is there is evidence before you that the redemptive process has already begun. These letters in Defendant's 30, 31, 28, 32, and 29 -- and I suggest you take these back with you. Comments from graders that say, "You did a really good job on the great truths part of the lesson. This was a fairly long lesson requiring you to take up a lot of Bible passages, but you did every one of them correctly. Good work."

THE COURT: Mr. High, you have about two minutes remaining.

MR. HIGH: Thank you, Judge. "You are off to a good start, and I want to encourage you in your personal walk with the Lord. Congratulations. We're excited to announce that you have graduated with honors from the tier one level of Crossroad Bible Institute."

Here's the certificate. Take these and look at them. But as Pastor Davis said, if we really want to know if a person is converted, what we got to give them is time. Let's hope this conversion is for real.

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about biblical references. Perhaps biblical references become more relevant in a capital murder trial because you have the integration of law and death and life.

new. In fact, it's based in history. We've talked

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You think about the murderers that the State brought to you, people like Hitler, Osama bin Laden, Manson, McVeigh. These were the kind of murderers who never found redemption. They are the ones that never experienced God's grace.

But there's also another famous murderer in history, Moses. And God wasn't through with Moses. He allowed him to go on and do mighty things. Just like occurred in the life of Maury Davis.

According to Pastor Davis you can't underestimate the power of God in a human life. You have the present day example sitting before you. You have the historical example of Moses, and now you have the possibility of a future example before you. And you have the power and the opportunity to make that happen.

You see what Maury Davis needed back in 1975 was a jury that was sensitive, insightful enough and courageous enough to give him what he needed, and that was time. The opportunity to learn and grow and change himself so that he could impact his world.

We're not asking that you turn Ivan Cantu loose. You know that's not going to happen. If there's

(To defendant:) God help you if it ain't. Don't interrupt the redemptive process.

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> I want to finish up with Defendant's 28. It's a verse Jeremiah 29:11, and it's in evidence. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. High. Mr. Schultz, you have 23 minutes remaining. STATE'S REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS

MR. SCHULTZ: Thank you. May it please the Court.

THE COURT: Yes, sir.

MR. SCHULTZ: I'm not going to get biblical with you because it occurs with me, if you want to go to church, you ought to be able to make that choice yourself. If you want to go to temple, you ought to be able to make that choice yourself. That's between, I suppose, them and you. And I don't want you to be subjected to that.

And I guess if he thinks that's appropriate to give you a preaching sermon and somehow involve that into the evidence of this case, that's his

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You know, a couple of observations. It's remarkable to me that they have the gall to complain about how we handled Sylvia Cantu as a witness when they went through that long calculated process of trashing, not even the victims, but the relatives of the victims. Remember those remarks that they made for example to Gladys, James's sister? Remarks about her dad and the circumstances of his leaving? What possible, possible reason could that have to do with this case in any regard?

I mean, that -- that's, that's almost laughable to accuse the State of mistreating a witness, given that concept.

In fact, Mr. Goeller can't still resist. We're still back trashing the police department and some of their remarks in the punishment phase. We're still backtracking the State's witnesses into the punishment phrase of the trial. But I'm not going to buy into that, ladies and gentlemen.

What's occurring here is a subtle effort to make you somehow feel responsible for the decision, for the evidence of this case, and you are not. And don't you ever let a defense attorney shift you some responsibility for the situation you are in. Because I of the existence of a jailhouse conversion? But who cares if it's true or not? I can't look into somebody's heart and make that determination. So what if it is? What does that got to do with whether or not he's a probable danger to our society?

What does that got to do with the fact that what he did is not mitigated by any evidence presented to you that would justify anything less than a death sentence?

You know, if you allow them to put burdens on the State of Texas that aren't in the law, it's hopeless for us. If you allow this group of attorneys to place upon the State of Texas the obligation to prove that a defendant cannot be safely housed in the penitentiary, we give up.

We can't do it because their own experts both agreed the penitentiary can hold anybody. If we want to spend our tax dollars, if we want to assign three, four, five, ten guards to each inmate, if we want to pay them enough to make sure that they can be safely monitored and those guards won't bring in any drugs, if we want to have people walking down the cell blocks with machine guns looking for trouble. Many ways it can be done, but that's not the burden that the law places upon

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want to tell you something, among others, this defendant, this killer, has made y'all victims, too, because, the fact of the matter is, this isn't fun. Yeah, we've had some laughs. And it might almost be the kind of laugh you have got to laugh because you are going to cry if you don't.

Well, there isn't any laughing now, and there's nothing funny about this case. And I don't mind them trashing the State of Texas. If that's the best they've got, I'm pretty -- I guess we've done a good job. Because if the best they can say about this case is look at how mean we are and how Old Testament we are and how blood thirsty we are, I would a whole lot rather that be the evidence than them be able to say, "Let me tell you some good things about the client." I'm still waiting for that, and we don't have a whole lot of it.

We hear references. We hear these little fleeting references to this jailhouse conversion. And you know, there really isn't any evidence of that. Where is a minister that's been meeting with him and been talking? Where is somebody from the jail to say, yeah, I'm a cell mate? I'm down the hall, and this person is doing some type of preaching to me.

Where is some real evidence other than the creation cut out of the whole fabric by these attorneys

The burden first places upon the State of Texas proving the person's capital murder and proving that to you beyond a reasonable doubt. And if we do that, he's guilty of capital murder, and we look at the death penalty as a possible sanction.

If we can't do that, for example, in Mr. Davis's situation because it wasn't a capital murder situation. The State can't prove it. It doesn't matter how dangerous the person is. None of that matters. It's not a death penalty situation.

Secondly, the law very clearly provides us the responsibility. And it's charitable, it's kind, it's decent to defendants, the opportunity for there to be a reasonable doubt of their situation, of their character, of their personality that would demonstrate to you some reasonable doubt that this person wouldn't be dangerous in the future.

MR. GOELLER: Objection. That's a misstatement of the law. It shifts the burden. The burden is on the State to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, not the future dangerous. Probability, continuing acts of violence.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MR. SCHULTZ: And it's so extra protecting the defendant, that special issue obliges the State to

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prove beyond a reasonable doubt the probability of danger in the future. Not that it will happen, but probability of a dangerous condition. You know, it's --

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MR. GOELLER: Objection. That's a misstatement of the law. Not a probability of a dangerous condition. A probability the defendant would commit criminal acts of violence, acts, plural. Misstatement of the law.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MR. SCHULTZ: Their own expert, it's very interesting. And I'm going to talk about the experts for a minute. Their own expert said, yeah, that "would" isn't "will." It's an assessment of this person's personality. And I'll ask you the simple question because if your answer to this question is no or you got a reasonable doubt about it, I mean, the trial is over.

Is this defendant the kind of person, if given the opportunity, will hurt, will commit crimes of violence, will hurt people when he doesn't get his way? When he doesn't get his drugs, he doesn't get his money, he doesn't get his recognition, he doesn't get the -- the lap-dog behavior by his women, his wives, his mom, anybody?

Is he the kind of person, if given the opportunity, would endanger people by his criminal-act-

justify less than that. And I want to talk about Dr. Cunningham. Now, he's a charlatan. The evidence shows that's what he is -- a huckster. And I don't mind saying it.

You are going to tell me an expert that's seen 75 or 80 people in capital murder situations, and he can't name a single one that he would ever say would be a yes answer to that question? I ain't asking about Adolf Hitler.

I said, "Okay. Since none of the people that you ever represented for your fees have been people you could say yes about, how about Adolf Hitler? Could you say yes?" Adolf Hitler would probably be dangerous in the future because of his personality, his background, his character, his ideations, his thought process. He couldn't even do that, if you recall.

Even that witness, though, told you very clearly that this defendant can't restrain himself. This defendant can't restrain himself from violence. It's society's responsibility. And his assessment is it's through the prison system. So did Dr. Quijano. Everybody agrees. Even their experts agree, this is a dangerous man. Even their experts agree, this is a dangerous man.

And I told you before, the law doesn't

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of-violence-type personality? And that's a yes or no. And to borrow a phrase from cross-examination of some of those experts. That's what that is. That's a yes or no question that you are asked beyond a reasonable doubt.

If you think he's safe, if you think his personality is not such, then the answer to that question ought to be no.

MR. GOELLER: Objection, Judge. That's a misstatement of the evidence. It's not whether the jury thinks he's safe. The State has the burden. They are subtly trying to shift it.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MR. SCHULTZ: You know, again, I do not mind. If the best they've got is to criticize our use of examples, Hitler or Stalin or anybody else, if that's the best they got, that's a pretty good spot for us to be in.

You know, you know the purpose of those examples? You know why we talk so much about Hitler, because it's an illustration. Everybody knows and everybody knows how you can work the Hitler issue in that mitigation.

Everyone remembers when you were selected on this jury. We talked about the concept of the bigger the crime, perhaps the bigger the mitigation to somehow

require us to prove that he can be safely held or that he can't be safely held in prison. It doesn't require us to do that because we can't do that. Everybody would agree. You can bring guards. You can bring anybody up here, and they would all agree, yes, no matter who you send us, we can, if we take the time and attention, probably control those people as long as they are there. We probably can.

On the other hand, there certainly are killings down there. There certainly are knifings down there. There certainly are significant incidences of violence that occurred in this case. You know, one of the troubles when you prosecute a case is that everybody is so polite and well-behaved.

By the way, you want to talk about the defendant, he's not a kid. That's cute language to make you somehow get the image of a 15-year-old or a 17-year-old, but he's 28.

Mr. Goeller talks about what 40 years means. Twenty-eight years is a lot of time to learn a lot of lessons. And you see the -- you see the result of those lessons. But the truth of the matter is when you evaluate this evidence, ladies and gentlemen, there's not a single good thing about this defendant that has emerged. Not a single good thing that's been

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What good things could have been presented to you? Again, people from the jail saying he's helping me, if this is a real conversion. People in his life, employers.

Well, you know, we've got these little certificates. You know, y'all live in this world. What's the deal about a Taco Bell certificate of being good employee? But if it's really true, go get that boss. Bring him up here and say, yeah, this defendant was great. He was good to the customers. He behaved. He helped us all out. Where is somebody like that? Where is somebody from the school?

Where is a single person, other than the lawyers in their creations and inferences, where is a single hard witness that's come up here and told you anything good about this defendant? I don't say that out of meanness. I say that out of a factual realization.

Not one decent act that this defendant has committed has been brought to you, and they are good lawyers. It's not like they are lazy. It's not like they are unenergetic. They go all the way to Nashville, Tennessee, to get a man that it seems like he's doing very well.

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It has nothing to do with this defendant. It's not State of Texas versus Pastor Davis. And I guess -- I guess the thinking somehow is, well, we'll bring this man in from Nashville, Tennessee. We'll fly him in. Pay the expenses of doing that. We'll bring him in for the jury. And somehow they'll say, well, since this man appears to have turned his life around, that must be some evidence this defendant will turn his life around. But that's nonsense.

That's about as silly as us bringing in some hard-core killer and putting him up there and saying, yeah, I got life, and I can't wait until I got paroled so I can kill again. And somehow that's supposed to be attribute to this defendant. That's nonsense.

What has Pastor Davis got to do with Ivan Cantu? Because he doesn't even know Ivan Cantu. He hasn't had any connection with him. If that's the best they've got, we're okay with that. If the best they've got is to bring somebody unrelated to this case and not knowing this defendant, to somehow try to influence you that this defendant is like him. If that's the best they got, that's not too much. And I don't say that critically of them. I say it with a realization.

You've seen their best. Everything they

could bring you, everything they, in their judgment, chose to bring you that they thought would help him, you've seen.

You go back and sift it and you say, where is there any evidence of this defendant? Where is the evidence of remorse? Where is that? We're pretty -- you know, let's go party. Let's kick back. Let's go to Seven. Let's go do more drugs. I'm going to shoot him again. You know, that's probably not remorse. Where is the evidence of it? You know, they could have had psychologists examine him if they wanted to.

Did you know -- did it occur to you that people come in here and assess him and are telling you things about the defendant? They have never met him. Did it occur to you that that was a little odd? Did it occur to you that -- I mean, do you think the law prevents them from using their expert to actually examine them so they could come in and say, yeah, I've done that.

Dr. Cunningham's clever. He's got a cottage industry of testifying all over this country. It's like pulling teeth to get him to tell the truth.

He comes in with his pedigree. I'm licensed in 11 different states. That sounds great. Why, this is a world-renowned expert, I think, as

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Mr. High called him. The world's greatest, brilliant scientist. He gets those licenses so he can go up there and pander his wares in all these other states in these death penalty cases. That's his business.

Now, it's a legal business. I don't quarrel with people doing legal business, but let's call it like it is. His job is to come in, bring a bunch of statistics, put them up in front of you and say, well, because of these generic statistics, this defendant is not going to be dangerous in prison.

By the way, he stays away because his whole approach is, let's convert this question. Let's pervert this question. Let's bastardize this question in some way so that the jury's going to say, well, since Dr. Cunningham says, will he be safe in prison? Yes, he will, statistically speaking. Then the answer to that question should be no. That's not what the question says.

And their other expert that they brought, and it is really interesting with Dr. Cann, a great guy. We've used him in our capital cases. He does -- he probably does more defense work, as he said, than he does State work, but we'd use him tomorrow. And I'm sure the defendant would use him tomorrow, too. He's honorable, and he's decent.

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He said that that question means would, if given the opportunity, a defendant have the personality that would probably result in violence? Not -- not can we put him in an iron suit or can we make him comatose?

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I use those examples, not for amusement, but it's a demonstration. We can do it. There are many ways we could control the world's most dangerous person, but we shouldn't have to, ladies and gentlemen. We shouldn't have to put ourselves in that position. We should -- we should not have to do more than the law requires.

And that is, if we prove somebody is just awful, wanton, atrocious. Can you imagine what it's like? Can you imagine how dangerous somebody is that can go and shoot somebody laying down? Put a bullet in that person's head and then turn it on a woman? Can you imagine how frightful?

Probably none of you there can exactly get there. You probably can't even exactly imagine what that must feel like, and I'm glad for you. Because the truth of the matter is, this defendant is very very different from -- from what we deal with.

No. He's probably not the worst of the worst, but maybe he is. I don't know how to make those judgments. The law doesn't say execute only the worst

say, boy, I don't want to do that.

And if you are not careful, the mitigating evidence that you end up thinking you're finding is your own reluctance to do what's unnatural to you because it seems -- it doesn't quite seem right to us. We are the ones that will help somebody that's got a flat tire. We are the ones that will help our neighbor lift something up heavy because it's too heavy for him or her to be lifting.

We see little kids crying. We see that we are the ones that go say, why are you crying? What's wrong? Can we help? That's how we are as people, but we have a right to protect ourselves. And we have a right, whether it's as a nation to protect ourselves from the people that do awful things to us or whether it's as a society, whether it's as a county.

We have a right to self-defense, and we're entitled to it. And we have a right to defend ourselves, not only from this defendant, by identifying his characteristics and by giving him a fair trial and doing what the evidence requires. We have a right to tell other people like him what happens.

You know, Mr. Goeller makes an interesting point. What are we doing about the Carloses, and the Metals and the Lips and the Lances, and all that other

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of the worst. The law says, execute dangerous capital murderers.

MR. GOELLER: Objection. That's a misstatement of the law, Your Honor. That's not what the special issues call for.

THE COURT: This is argument, ladies and gentlemen. This is the opportunity for the attorneys to tell you how they view the evidence, and what they think it means. All right. The objection is overruled.

MR. SCHULTZ: I can't imagine. I'm not sure there's anything that anyone would even call mitigation. Although, true to my words, I suppose we all have something that's mitigating. But sufficient mitigation? Taking all this into account, what can you point to that makes an otherwise appropriate death sentence not appropriate? What is there about this case?

I don't know if you are feeling in your heart somehow guilty with the responsibility you have. I hope not. You sure don't deserve it. The reason you are here is because you were summoned. And the reason you were summoned is because of this defendant.

But we're so caring as a people, and we're so compassionate to people that we do it. And we sit inside ourselves, many of us if not all of us, and we

hall of shame that I put up on that board? The Name the Doper People. You know, those people talk. They go down to their parties.

And one of the things we can do and one of the things we can recognize is, hey, did you hear what happened in that Cantu case? He got out. He did the same things we're doing, which interestingly they haven't done.

I mean, it's very interesting, and we want to blame the drugs, but they are doing drugs, too. They are not killing people. You know, however they want to trash James, he's not killing people because of the drugs.

That's a smoke screen that they are trying to lay before you with no evidence. Because there are people, there are drug treatment people that know about that stuff. There are physicians that actually know about that if it weren't true, if this was somehow a product of some kind of addiction. But the absence of those kinds of witnesses in this kind of case states the obvious in terms of this defense.

But what do you want them saying? Do you want those people down in those bars and clubs saying, boy, did you hear what happened to Ivan? Why, he almost got executed for murdering people and all that wife

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beating and cocaine and tricking the probation department. All those things almost caught up with him, and he almost got the death penalty. Fortunately, he had good lawyers, and he got away with it. And he claimed --

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MR. GOELLER: Objection to the phrase he got away with it, Your Honor. That's a misstatement of the law. It's improper argument.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MR. SCHULTZ: All he got was life, but it was close. And do you want them saying, you know, we all knew Ivan. We heard how he talked about women. We heard how he talked about mobsters. We knew what he did. We knew what his abilities were. We knew how he wasted those abilities, and he went and murdered some people, and he got a death sentence for it. If you stop and think about it, that's what we want.

If this case is righteous and this evidence is righteous, we want 12 people doing the right thing in this case, and the next 12 people with the next Ivan Cantus doing the right thing in that case, and we want the message to get out.

We deal so much with this concept of the crime of punishment because we're good people. And somehow I know. I know in your hearts some of you have

that was a true decision that you had made about it.

If you thought about it, and you came back and you said, yes, in the right kind of case, when the State proves those things to me, I can vote yes. And if you don't prove it, I can vote no. It's up to you to do whatever you want.

You can -- there's nothing to stop you from nullifying the law effectively. There's nothing to stop one of you or anybody from saying, I'm not going to do it. I don't care about the evidence. I just refuse to do it. I don't want that responsibility.

But you ought to want this responsibility. You don't want to be here, but you ought to want the responsibility for helping our society be better.

A lot of good men and women are going to have to perhaps lose their lives in a responsibility that's brewing right now in our society. And that's certainly no harder than what we're asking you to do.

We're asking for justice. And justice demands a death sentence for this defendant. Not because we do it, not because of what we want, but because of the evidence in this case.

And I believe your hearts are resolute.

And I meant what I said. I can't imagine any place I'd rather be than up here with the 12 you. And now you've

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been twisted into the view that you are doing something wrong in evaluating this evidence. That it's somehow your fault because we're people that care about life. But we have a right to protect ourselves when we're threatened, and that can be through our military if we have to fight other countries. That can be in a courtroom when we have to fight people that endanger us.

This was vicious. This was awful. This wasn't some drug deal gone bad. What this was was absolute jealousy by this defendant. This wasn't some snap decision. He had been talking about it before. He didn't just find the gun on the street and say, I wonder what I can go do with this? He actually obtained the gun. He used it. He practiced with it. He practiced it with Amy's head the night before.

I suppose, who knows, who knows exactly why he did that? What was in his mind? One thing we do know is it made sense to him in his value system. That was a sensible act to him, to take a shot at the person he's supposed to love. That's his value system. It's that value system that makes him so dangerous.

I can't convince you that they can't control him in prison. I can't convince you that if you believe what you said you did when you all were selected, you need to stick by that conviction because

waited on us for weeks and weeks. And now we'll all very politely wait for you. Thank you so much.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Schultz.

Ladies and gentlemen, at this point you've heard the Court's Charge, the arguments of counsel. I'm going to hand, once again to the bailiff, the Charge and Verdict Form that will be left with you in the jury deliberation room.

Once all the members of your jury are present and assembled, the case is formally submitted to you, you may begin your deliberations. Please step down from the jury box and accompany the bailiff into the jury room.

All right. We're in recess until the jury comes back.

(Jury retires for deliberations.)

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