

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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RONALD A. GUZMAN, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	No. 02 CR 137
v.)	
)	Hon. Ronald A. Guzmán
RONALD MIKOS)	

SPECIAL VERDICT FORM

MURDER OF JOYCE BRANNON BY DEFENDANT RONALD MIKOS

I. REQUISITE MENTAL STATE

Instructions: For each of the following, answer "YES" or "NO."

1. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant intentionally killed Joyce Brannon?

YES X

NO _____

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Instructions: If you answered "NO" with respect to the determination in this section, then stop your deliberations, cross out Sections II, III, IV and V of this form, and proceed to Section VI. Each juror should carefully read the statement in Section VI, and sign in the appropriate place if the statement accurately reflects the manner in which he or she reached his or her decision. You should then advise the court that you have reached a decision.

If you answered "YES" with respect to the determination in this Section I, proceed to Section II which follows.

II. STATUTORY AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Instructions: For each of the following, answer "YES" or "NO."

1. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed the offense of murder after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Joyce Brannon as set out in these instructions?

YES X

NO _____

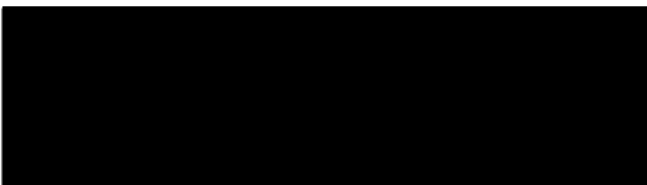


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2. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that Joyce Brannon was particularly vulnerable due to infirmity as set out in these instructions?

YES X

NO _____



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Instructions: If you answered "NO" with respect to all of the Statutory Aggravating Factors in this Section II, then stop your deliberations, cross out Sections III, IV, and V of this form, and proceed to Section VI of this form. Each juror should then carefully read the statement in Section VI, and sign in the appropriate place if the statement accurately reflects the manner in which he or she reached his or her decision. You should then advise the court that you have reached a decision.

If you found the requisite mental state in Section I and answered "Yes" with respect to one or more of the aggravating factors in this Section II, proceed to Section III which follows.

III. NON-STATUTORY AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Instructions: For each of the following, answer "YES" or "NO."

1. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant killed Joyce Brannon in an effort to obstruct justice, tamper with a witness, and in retaliation for Joyce Brannon's cooperation with authorities?

YES X

NO _____



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2. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that as demonstrated by the victim's personal characteristics as an individual human being and the impact of her death upon her family, friends, and co-workers, defendant caused injury, harm, and loss to the victim's family, her friends, and her co-workers?

YES X

NO _____

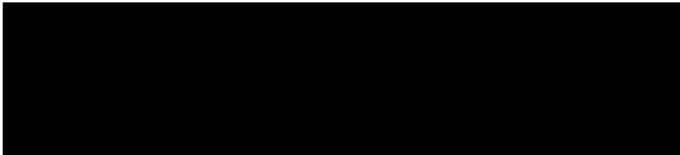


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3. Do you, the jury, unanimously find that the government has established beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant has demonstrated a lack of remorse for his criminal conduct?

YES X

NO _____



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Instructions: Regardless of whether you answered "YES" or "NO" with respect to the Non-Statutory Aggravating Factors in this Section III, proceed to Section IV, which follows.

IV. MITIGATING FACTORS

Instructions: For each of the following mitigating factors, indicate whether at least one juror found that the factor was established by a preponderance of the evidence. You have the option to indicate the number of jurors who found the existence of that mitigating factor.

1. Ronald Mikos will be sentenced to life imprisonment without any possibility of release if not sentenced by you to the death penalty. FOUND X Number of jurors 6
2. Ronald Mikos has had a personal relationship with Stacey Rosenfeld for many years. FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
3. Ronald Mikos' execution will cause Stacey Rosenfeld great pain and emotional distress. FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
4. Ronald Mikos has had a personal relationship with June Creighton for many years. FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
5. Ronald Mikos' execution will cause June Creighton great pain and emotional distress. FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
6. Ronald Mikos has a loving relationship with his son, Ronald Mikos Jr., who is known as Adonis. FOUND X Number of jurors 8
7. Prior to his imprisonment, Ronald Mikos attempted to be a good parent to Adonis. FOUND X Number of jurors 6
8. Ronald Mikos attempted to be a good parent to Adonis when Adonis' mother, Shirley King, was unable to be a good parent to Adonis because of her drug addiction. FOUND X Number of jurors 8
9. While in prison, Ronald Mikos continues to have a relationship with Adonis Mikos. FOUND X Number of jurors 7
10. While in prison, Ronald Mikos attempts to be a good parent to Adonis. FOUND X Number of jurors 8
11. While in prison, Ronald Mikos continues to advise and encourage Shirley King to treat Adonis fairly and without violence. FOUND X Number of jurors 8

12. While in prison, Ronald Mikos contributes to Adonis' emotional well-being.
FOUND X Number of jurors 6
13. Ronald Mikos will maintain a positive relationship with Adonis if sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release.
FOUND X Number of jurors 6
14. Ronald Mikos' execution will cause Adonis great pain and emotional distress.
FOUND X Number of jurors 9
15. Ronald Mikos has a loving relationship with his daughter Lauren.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5
16. While in prison, Ronald Mikos continues to have a relationship with Lauren.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5
17. While in prison, Ronald Mikos attempts to be a good parent to Lauren.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5
18. While in prison, Ronald Mikos contributes to Lauren's emotional well-being.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
19. Ronald Mikos will maintain a positive relationship with Lauren if sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5
20. Ronald Mikos' execution will cause Lauren great pain and emotional distress.
FOUND X Number of jurors 6
21. Ronald Mikos has a loving relationship with his son Trevor.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
22. While in prison, Ronald Mikos continues to have a relationship with Trevor.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
23. While in prison, Ronald Mikos attempts to be a good parent to Trevor.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5
24. While in prison, Ronald Mikos contributes to Trevor's emotional well-being.
FOUND X Number of jurors 3
25. Ronald Mikos will maintain a positive relationship with Trevor if sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release. FOUND X Number of jurors 5

26. Ronald Mikos' execution will cause Trevor great pain and emotional distress.
 FOUND X Number of jurors 4
27. Ronald Mikos worked hard and was successful in obtaining a college degree.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
28. Ronald Mikos worked hard and was successful in obtaining a teaching certificate.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
29. Ronald Mikos worked hard and was successful in obtaining a Masters Degree in Education Administration.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
30. Ronald Mikos worked successfully as a teacher for approximately six years.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
31. Ronald Mikos has abused opiates since approximately the mid 1980s.
 FOUND ~~_____~~ Number of jurors ~~_____~~
32. Ronald Mikos sought treatment for his opiate dependence that was unsuccessful.
 FOUND X Number of jurors 1
33. Ronald Mikos was abusing opiates at the time of the offense.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
34. Ronald Mikos' abuse of opiates contributed to the offense.
 FOUND X Number of jurors 1
35. Ronald Mikos was abusing alcohol at the time of the offense.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
36. Ronald Mikos abuse of alcohol contributed to the offense.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
37. Ronald Mikos suffers from mental disorders. FOUND X Number of jurors 1
38. Ronald Mikos suffers from mental disorders that were diagnosed years before the offense but were not adequately treated.
 FOUND X Number of jurors 1
39. Ronald Mikos sought treatment for mental disorders that was unsuccessful.
 FOUND X Number of jurors 6
40. Ronald Mikos suffers from mental disorders that may have contributed to the commission of the offense.
 FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____

41. Ronald Mikos suffers from brain abnormalities.
FOUND ~~3~~ Number of jurors ~~3~~
42. Ronald Mikos is at risk for further deterioration of his brain functioning in the future.
FOUND X Number of jurors 2
43. At the time he committed the offense, Ronald Mikos was under the combined pressures of a civil investigation for Medicare fraud, a criminal investigation for Medicare fraud, the closing of his podiatry office, loss of his home, loss of his income, and inability to financially support his children.
FOUND X Number of jurors 2
44. Ronald Mikos committed the offense at a time when his alcohol abuse was increasing.
FOUND X Number of jurors 2
45. Ronald Mikos committed the offense at a time when his opiate abuse was increasing.
FOUND X Number of jurors 2
46. Ronald Mikos committed the offense at a time when his mental illness was increasing.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
47. Ronald Mikos does not have any prior criminal convictions.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
48. Prior to this offense, Ronald Mikos had no history of physical violence towards others.
FOUND X Number of jurors 9
49. Since being imprisoned, Ronald Mikos is no longer opiate dependent.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
50. Since being imprisoned, Ronald Mikos no longer abuses alcohol.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
51. Ronald Mikos has made a good adjustment to being in prison.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____
52. Ronald Mikos will be able to make a positive contribution to the prison community.
FOUND X Number of jurors 3
53. Ronald Mikos presents no risk of violence or danger to the public while in prison for the rest of his life.
FOUND X Number of jurors 4
54. Ronald Mikos is a human being.
FOUND X Number of jurors 4

55. Any residual or lingering doubt that any of you have as to Ronald Mikos' guilt of the offense.
FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____

56. Any other factors that establish a reason to punish with life in prison without any possibility of release rather than death.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5

The following extra spaces are provided to write in additional mitigating factors, if any, found by any one or more jurors. If none, write "NONE" and line out the extra spaces with a large "X." If more space is needed, write "CONTINUED" and use the reverse side of this page.

#56 FACTOR: The Illinois Department of Professional Regulations, Drug Enforcement Agency, HHS and other agencies took too long to take action to prevent Ronald Mikos from practicing podiatry after demonstrating grossly inappropriate and unprofessional behavior.
FOUND X Number of jurors 5

FACTOR: _____

FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____

FACTOR: _____

FOUND _____ Number of jurors _____

Instructions: After you have completed Section IV, you should continue your deliberations in accordance with the Court's instructions.

V(A). DECISION IMPOSING A SENTENCE OF DEATH

We vote unanimously that Ronald Miles shall be sentenced to death.



FOREPERSON

DATE: 5/23/05

V(B). DECISION IMPOSING A SENTENCE OF LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RELEASE

We vote unanimously that Ronald Mikos shall be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of release.

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FOREPERSON

DATE: _____

VI. CERTIFICATION

By signing below, each juror certifies that consideration of the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex of the defendant or the victim was not involved in reaching his or her individual decision, and that the individual juror would have made the same recommendation regarding a sentence for the crime or crimes in question regardless of the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, or sex of the defendant or the victim.



FOREPERSON

DATE: 5/23/05