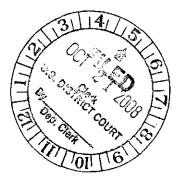
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
v. REJON TAYLOR)
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Case No: 1:04-CR-160

Chief Judge Curtis L. Collier

SPECIAL VERDICT FORM

We the jury unanimously find that the Government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. AGE OF DEFENDANT

Defendant was eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense.

[If you answer "Yes" to Question 1, then continue to Question 2. If you answer "No" to Question 1, then skip to Question 7.]

2. **REQUISITE MENTAL STATE**

Defendant intentionally killed the victim.

Defendant intentionally inflicted serious bodily injury that resulted in the death of the victim.

Yes No

Defendant intentionally participated in an act, contemplating that the life of a person would be taken or intending that lethal force would be used in connection with a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, and the victim died as a direct result of the act, which directly resulted in the death of Guy Luck.

V Yes No

Defendant intentionally and specifically engaged in an act of violence, knowing that the act created a grave risk of death to a person, other than one of the participants in the offense, such that participation in the act constituted a reckless disregard for human life and Guy Luck died as a direct result of the act.

V Yes No

[If you answer "Yes" to one or more parts of Question 2, then continue to Question 3. If you answer "No" to all parts of Question 2, then skip to Question 7.]

3. STATUTORY AGGRAVATING FACTORS

The death, or injury resulting in death, occurred during the commission of kidnaping. V Yes No

Defendant committed the murder after substantial planning and premeditation to cause the death of Guy Luck.

Ves No

[If you answer "Yes" to one or both parts of Question 3, then continue to Question 4. If you answer "No" to both parts of Question 4, then skip to Question 7.]

4. NON-STATUTORY AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Defendant attempted to escape from a detention facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 14, 2006, and that this factor tends to support imposition of the death penalty. Yes V No

Defendant would be a danger in the future to the lives and safety of other persons, and that this factor tends to support imposition of the death penalty.

Yes No

Defendant caused injury, harm, and loss to Guy Luck, and his family and friends, and that this factor tends to support imposition of the death penalty.

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_____Yes ____No

[Continue to Question 5]

5. <u>MITIGATING FACTORS</u>

A finding with respect to a mitigating factor may be made by one or more of the members of the jury, and any member of the jury who finds the existence of a mitigating factor may consider such a factor established in considering whether or not a sentence of death shall be imposed, regardless of the number of other jurors who agree that the factor has been established. Further, any juror may also weigh a mitigating factor found by another juror, even if he or she did not also find that factor to be mitigating:

Defendant has alleged the following mitigating factors. For each, indicate in the space provided the number of jurors who have found the existence of that mitigating factor to be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

A. Alternative sentence

1. If he is not sentenced to death, Rejon Taylor will be incarcerated for the rest of his life in a federal prison with no possibility of release. Number of jurors who so find $\underline{12}$

B. Circumstances of the crime

- 2. There was a struggle for a gun before Guy Luck was shot. Number of jurors who so find \underline{O}
- 3. While there is sufficient evidence of Rejon Taylor's guilt, the evidence does not establish Rejon Taylor's guilt of the capital crime of intentionally killing Guy Luck with sufficient certainty to justify imposition of a sentence of death. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>
- 4. While there is sufficient evidence of Rejon Taylor's guilt, the contradictory statements of the government's witnesses does not remove all doubt. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>
- There is no scientific or physical evidence, such as DNA, showing whether Rejon Taylor or Sir Jack Matthews killed Guy Luck. Number of jurors who so find _____

C. Relative culpability

6. Sir Jack Matthews will not be sentenced to death for his role in the murder of Guy Luck, despite his history of violence.
 Number of jurors who so find

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- Joey Marshall, who was involved in the escape attempt, will not be sentenced to death for his role in the murder of Mr. Luck.
 Number of jurors who so find O
- 8. The government's plea bargains with Sir Jack Matthews and Joey Marshall weigh against imposition of a death sentence upon Rejon Taylor. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>

D. Background of Rejon Taylor

- 9. Rejon Taylor was subjected to neglect as a child. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>
- 10. Rejon Taylor was exposed to violence within the home as a child. Number of jurors who so find $\underline{9}$
- 11. Rejon Taylor's father subjected him to emotional abuse. Number of jurors who so find $\frac{12}{2}$
- 12. Rejon Taylor's parents were inadequate. Number of jurors who so find $\frac{12}{2}$
- Rejon Taylor lacked positive male role models in his family. His father was in prison for most of Rejon's life and his older brother also served time in prison and was involved in criminal behavior.
 Number of jurors who so find 12
- E. Character of Rejon Taylor
- 14. Rejon Taylor was 18 years old at the time of Guy Luck's death. Number of jurors who so find $\frac{12}{2}$
- 15. At the age of 18, a person has not fully matured. Number of jurors who so find //
- 16. Rejon Taylor has never before been convicted of a crime. Number of jurors who so find 1/2.
- 17. Rejon Taylor had no prior history of violent criminal conduct. Number of jurors who so find \underline{O}

- 18. Although not a defense to murder, Rejon Taylor's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law was impaired by his brain's immaturity.
 Number of jurors who so find ()
- Rejon Taylor was immature and lacked the emotional development and decision-making abilities that would be expected in a mature adult.
 Number of jurors who so find _2____
- 20. Although not a defense to murder, at the time of Guy Luck's death, Rejon Taylor was acting under mental or emotional disturbance. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>
- 21. Rejon Taylor has shown kindness and concern for other people in his community. Number of jurors who so find $\underline{5}$
- 22. Rejon Taylor conducted himself appropriately during the trial. Number of jurors who so find _____
- 23. Rejon Taylor has a positive relationship with his defense team. Number of jurors who so find $\frac{12}{2}$
- 24. Rejon Taylor's life has value. Number of jurors who so find $\frac{12}{2}$
- 25. After the shooting, Rejon Taylor was remorseful. Number of jurors who so find O

F. Future adaptation to prison

- While incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail, Rejon Taylor participated in GED classes.
 Number of jurors who so find 12.
- 27. While incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail, Rejon Taylor participated in religious programs. Number of jurors who so find $\underline{12}$
- 28. While incarcerated at the Hamilton County Jail, Rejon Taylor encouraged others to study the Bible. Number of jurors who so find 12.

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- Other than the escape attempt, Rejon Taylor has shown respect for the staff at the Hamilton County Jail.
 Number of jurors who so find _____
- 30. Rejon Taylor was influenced to become involved in an escape by older, more criminally experienced, inmates. Number of jurors who so find <u>3</u>
- 31. Although two officers were hurt in the escape attempt, Mr. Taylor did not hurt anyone. Number of jurors who so find $\int 2$
- 32. Rejon Taylor responds well to structured environments. He would likely make a good adaptation to prison if he were sentenced to life imprisonment. Number of jurors who so find <u>O</u>

G. Other factors

Other factors in Rejon Taylor's childhood, background or character mitigate against imposition of a death sentence.
 Number of jurors who so find ()

34. Other factors suggest that life in prison without release is the more appropriate sentence. (One or more jurors should write in what the factor is):

Number of jurors who so find _____

Number of jurors who so find _____

Number of jurors who so find _____

[Continue to Question 6]

6. **DETERMINATION**

Based upon consideration of whether the aggravating factor or factors found to exist sufficiently outweigh any mitigating factor or factors found to exist:

We determine, by unanimous vote, that the sentence to be imposed shall be:

Life imprisonment without possibility of release.

 $\underline{\chi}$ Death.

[Continue to Question 7]

7. 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 determination 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 victims.

Signed by all twelve jurors.

Signatures redacted per Court.

Date: 10-21-08

s/

FOREPERSON

10-21-08

DATE