>> NEXT CASE FOR THE DAY IS BROWN VERSUS STATE OF FLORIDA.
>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT,
MADA CAREY FOR TINA BROWN.
THEY ATTACKED AND KILLED
AUDREANNA ZIMMERMAN IN
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.
WE RAISED TWO ARGUMENTS FOR THE
APPEAL AND LIKE TO ADDRESS BOTH
OF THEM TODAY.
THE FIRST ARGUMENT IS THAT THE

THE FIRST ARGUMENT IS THAT THE EVIDENCE FAILED TO PROVE, THAT ONE FACTOR, COLD, CALCULATED AND PREMEDITATED.

AND THE PARTICULAR ELEMENT
MISSING HERE, IS THE ELEMENT OF
COLD, WHICH THIS COURT HAS
DEFINED AS REQUIRING COOL AND
CALM REFLECTION AS OPPOSED TO,
HEATED EMOTIONS SUCH AS ANGER
AND RAGE.

AND, EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS THAT THIS WAS A CRIME OF ANGER AND RAGE.

AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF COOL AND CALM REFLECTION AND, ALTHOUGH THE TRIAL JUDGE FOUND THIS AGGRAVATING FACTOR IN HIS SENTENCING ORDER, HE NEVER ADDRESSED THE ELEMENT OF COLD. HE ADDRESSED THE HEIGHTENED PREMEDITATION ELEMENT AND THE CALCULATION ELEMENT WHICH REQUIRES SOME PREPLANNING, NOT SIMPLE PREMEDITATION BUT THE JUDGE NEVER REALLY ADDRESSED THE COLD ELEMENT.

SO HE DID NOT FIND THAT ELEMENT.
AND, OF COURSE IT HAS TO BE
PROVED BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT
AND HERE WE HAVE SEVERAL TYPES
OF EVIDENCE THAT INDICATE THIS
WAS A CRIME OF RAGE.
FIRST OF ALL, ONE OF THE
WITNESSES, WITNESSES TO WHAT
OCCURRED IN THE TRAILER ->> LET ME ASK YOU THIS.
WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT COLD
AND RAGE, THIS IS THE MOTHER OF

THE CHILD THAT -- STUN GUN?

>> TINA BROWN IS THE APPELLANT. SHE IS, SHE WAS 39. THE OTHER TWO CODEFENDANTS WERE HEATHER LEE AND, 27, AND TINA BROWN IS 16-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, BRITNEY MILLER.

>> SO THIS STARTED BECAUSE THE VICTIM WAS GOING TO USE A STUN GUN ON THE 16-YEAR-OLD, CORRECT? >> WELL, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF -- >> I'M TRYING TO GET TO THE POINT OF THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN RIGHT AFTER THE INCIDENT.

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> 0KAY.

>> YES.

>> THERE WAS A NUMBER OF HOURS BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WITH MS. ZIMMERMAN AND THE 16-YEAR-OLD.

>> YES.

YES, YES.

>> ALL RIGHT.

SO GO ON.

>> IT WASN'T AN IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THIS.

THERE ARE SUGGESTIONS THAT THAT WAS, PERHAPS, THE REASON FOR IT AFTER THAT HAPPENED.

I THINK TINA BROWN SAID SOMETHING LIKE NOBODY HURTS MY BABY, I'M GOING TO GET HER. BUT IT'S NOT CLEAR WHEN THE ACTUAL PLAN TO ATTACK MS. ZIMMERMAN CAME INTO BEING.

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW THAT.

AND WE ALSO, THE OTHER ->> WELL, I MEAN, WE KNOW THAT, I
MEAN, THAT IT OCCURRED SOMETIME
AFTER THE ABUSE OF HER DAUGHTER
OR THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE
VICTIM AND HER DAUGHTER.

WE MAY NOT KNOW THE EXACT MINUTES OR HOURS, BUT SHE HAD TIME TO GET A STUN GUN, CORRECT? PROCURED A STUN GUN, WE MAY NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW.

SHE HAD TIME TO ACQUIRE ONE?
>> WELL, THERE'S EVIDENCE -- THE
STUN GUN ACTUALLY BELONGED TO

AUDREANNA ZIMMERMAN, AND THERE'S SOME EVIDENCE -- TINA TOLD DR. BAILEY THAT HEATHER LEE SUGGESTED THE ATTACK, AND SHE TOLD HEATHER WE CAN'T, WE CAN'T, SHE'S GOT A STUN GUN. AND HEATHER LEE SAID, NO, I'VE GOT THE STUN GUN HIDDEN. SO HEATHER LEE MAY HAVE PROVIDED THE STUN GUN. >> WELL, BUT, I MEAN, IT WAS

AFTER.

SHE OBTAINED IT SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE AFTER THIS CONFRONTATION WAS OVER.

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> 0KAY, S0 --

>> IT'S NOT OUR ARGUMENT THAT THIS WAS IMMEDIATE AFTER THIS CONFRONTATION.

THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE ARGUING.

- >> SOME INSTRUCTION FROM SOMEONE ON HOW TO USE IT.
- >> IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE ATTACK.

>> BUT YOU SAY "BEFORE THE ATTACK," WE ALSO HAD THE PRETENSE OF WE'RE GOING TO PATCH THIS OVER, GOING TO BECOME FRIENDS AGAIN, AND THE VICTIM WAS ENTICED TO WHEREVER THE DEFENDANT WAS.

>> THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF THAT, YOUR HONOR.

THE STATE ARGUED THAT, THAT THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME, AND THEY LURED HER OVER THERE AND WERE NICE TO HER ALL DAY, AND I, YOU KNOW, I READ THE STATE'S BRIEF, AND I DON'T RECALL THAT IN THE EVIDENCE --

>> SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S NO EVIDENCE, NOT ONE SHRED OF EVIDENCE IN THIS FILE AS TO WHY THE VICTIM WENT TO WHERE THE DEFENDANT WAS LOCATED?

>> THE TESTIMONY, THEY ALL LIVED NEXT DOOR TO EACH OTHER IN THIS TRAILER PARK.

THEY SPENT TIME TOGETHER ALL THE

TIME.

THERE WAS TESTIMONY ->> BUT, AGAIN, IT'S JUST A
SIMPLE QUESTION.
IN YOUR VIEW, THERE'S NO
EVIDENCE AS TO WHY THAT VICTIM
WENT WHEN SHE DID OVER TO THE
DEFENDANT'S LOCATION?
>> I'M TRYING TO ANSWER YOUR
QUESTION, YOUR HONOR.
THE TESTIMONY IS THAT THEY
VISITED WITH EACH OTHER ALL THE
TIME.

THAT THEY HUNG OUT IN ONE TRAILER OR ANOTHER ALL THE TIME, THAT THEY FOUGHT ALL THE TIME. ONE DAY THEY'RE FIGHTING, THE NEXT DAY THEY'RE FRIENDS. SO THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS SHE WENT OVER THERE TO HANG OUT WITH THEM LIKE SHE'D DONE MANY TIMES BEFORE.

THE STATE RELIED ON, AGAIN, THE STATE SUGGESTED THAT THEY LURED HER OVER THERE ON THE PRETENSE OF BEING NICE TO HER AND LURED HER OVER THERE, BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE IN THE RECORD OF THAT. THAT COMES FROM A QUESTION BY THE PROSECUTOR TO DR. BAILEY, THE DEFENSE EXPERT, DID YOU READ THE STATEMENT OF SOME WITNESS ABOUT HER LURING THE DEFENDANT OVER THERE?

AND DR. BAILEY SAYS, I READ THAT STATEMENT.

THAT STATEMENT'S NOT IN THE RECORD, THAT WITNESS DID NOT TESTIFY.

SO THAT'S NOT COMPETENT, SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF ANY SORT OF TIMELINE RELATED TO THIS INCIDENT.

>> DIDN'T THE VICTIM SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SHE THOUGHT THAT THINGS WERE OKAY OR -->> OH, YES.

>> WHAT DID THE VICTIM SAY? >> THE VICTIM SPOKE TO THE PARAMEDIC, THE VICTIM SAID, "I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS."

YES.

SO IT'S CLEAR THAT, YOU KNOW, SHE THOUGHT -- IF SHE HADN'T THOUGHT THEY WERE FRIENDS, SHE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE OVER THERE.

BUT, YES.

>> DIDN'T --

[INAUDIBLE]

MILLER THAT WAS FIXING TO KILL AUDREANNA BEFORE IT HAPPENED? >> AS MALLORY TESTIFIED THAT BRITNEY MILLER SAID THAT TO HER RIGHT BEFORE THE ATTACK, YES. YES.

THAT'S WHAT BRITNEY MILLER SAID. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE NOT ARGUING THAT THIS WASN'T PREMEDITATED. WE HAVEN'T MADE THAT ARGUMENT. THE ISSUE HERE IS WHETHER IT WAS COLD.

AND THE COLD ELEMENT HAS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE HEIGHTENED PREMEDITATED, HEIGHTENED PREMEDITATION AND CALCULATION. IT'S RELATED TO THE STATE OF MIND OF THE DEFENDANT. AND HERE WE'VE GOT MALLORY ALSO TESTIFIED THAT SHE WAS THERE IN THE TRAILER, THAT TINA WAS SCREAMING AT AUDREANNA DURING THIS ATTACK.

SHE WAS SCREAMING AT HER, AND HERE'S ANOTHER POSSIBLE MOTIVE, WHY DID YOU CALL CRIMESTOPPERS ON ME AND OTHER SORTS OF THINGS LIKE THAT THAT SHE WAS ANGRY AND SCREAMING AT HER.

>> BUT I THINK THAT -- AND I KNOW WE'VE STRUGGLED WITH THIS ISSUE OF WHAT COLD IS AS COMPARED TO THE HEIGHTENED PREMEDITATION.

BUT THERE ARE CASES EXCEPT FOR THE ONES THAT OCCURRED BECAUSE THERE WAS A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE THAT THE PERSON COULD BE, HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, COULD BE, HAVE HAD A MOTIVATION OTHER THAN,

LIKE, AN EXECUTION-STYLE KILLING WHERE THE COLD ELEMENT IS STILL THERE.

AND FOR ME, YOU KNOW, MAYBE IF SHE REACTS, SHE HEARS THAT THERE IS THIS TO HER DAUGHTER, WE'RE GONNA GET HER, AND THEY GO OUT AND GET HER.

BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE PLANNING PART OF THIS AND THEN THE EXECUTION OF THE MURDER TOOK A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME. AND SO WHAT IS -- IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS AN INSTANTANEOUS -- AND YOU'RE SAYING, WELL, THAT'S JUST THE PREMEDITATION.

BUT THE STATE OF MIND IS THAT WE ARE, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS VICTIM'S LIFE.

WE ARE GOING TO SNUFF IT OUT IN A SLOW, TORTUROUS WAY.

WHY DOESN'T THAT SATISFY THE COLD ELEMENT?

>> WELL, THAT WOULD IF WE HAD EVIDENCE OF THAT.

BUT THERE'S NO EVIDENCE --

- >> WELL, HOW LONG DID IT TAKE? >> THERE WAS A DECISION MADE TO SNUFF HER LIFE OUT IN A COLD, TORTUROUS WAY --
- >> WHAT IS THE FIRST, FROM THE TIME THAT THE STUN GUN IS USED --

>> YES.

- >> -- UNTIL SHE IS PUT ON FIRE, **HOW LONG ELAPSED?**
- >> IT'S ACTUALLY A RATHER SHORT PERIOD --
- >> WELL, WHAT IS -- WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
- >> BASED ON THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE, YOUR HONOR, MALLORY TESTIFIED THAT THE ATTACK IN THE TRAILER TOOK 10 TO 15 MINUTES, AND THEN THEY WERE GONE. SHE SAID THEY WERE GONE FOR

ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

SO THEY DROVE 2 MILES TO THE WOODS, THEY DID THE ATTACK THERE, AND THEY WERE BACK WITHIN 15 MINUTES.

SO ACCORDING TO MALLORY'S TESTIMONY, THIS WHOLE EVENT TOOK MAYBE 30 MINUTES.

THE OTHER TESTIMONY AS FAR AS THE TIMELINE IS HEATHER LEE, AND HEATHER LEE SAID THAT AUDREANNA ARRIVED AT THE TRAILER AROUND 9 P.M.

NOW, THE PARAMEDICS ARRIVED AT THE TRAILER WHERE AUDREANNA ZIMMERMAN ENDED UP GETTING TO AT 9:20.

SO ALSO ACCORDING TO HEATHER LEE'S TESTIMONY, THIS WAS NOT A LONG, LENGTHY, TORTUROUS WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT --

>> WHEN WAS THE DAUGHTER INVOLVED IN THE PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION RELATIONSHIP?

>> BRITNEY?

BRITNEY MILLER?

>> MS. MILLER.

>> UM, THE DAUGHTER WAS THERE THE WHOLE TIME --

>> THE CONFRONTATION WHEN --

>> OH, WHEN DID THAT CONFRONTATION OCCUR?

>> YES.

THAT PRODUCED ALL THIS.

>> WE DON'T KNOW.

>> SO, I MEAN, WE CAN'T SIT HERE AND SAY THAT THAT -- YOU'RE PRESENTING THIS AS THOUGH IT'S ALL ONE EVENT.

I MEAN, WE READ THIS, AND IT SEEMS THERE'S ONE CONFRONTATION, AND THEN THERE IS A SEPARATION OF TIME BEFORE THE SECOND ONE STARTS.

>> ABSOLUTELY, YOUR HONOR.
>> WELL, THAT'S THE PERIOD I
THINK WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, NOT
JUST WHAT HAPPENS ONCE SHE IS IN
HER PRESENCE FOR THE ULTIMATE
EVENT.

>> YOUR HONOR, FOR ALL WE KNOW THAT FIGHT BETWEEN BRITNEY AND AUDREANNA, THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED A WEEK BEFORE. THEY WERE FIGHTING ALL THE TIME. >> I THINK THAT'S THE POINT. THAT IT WAS NOT JUST ONE SINGULAR EVENT -->> AND -->> -- THERE WAS A SEPARATION OF TIME IN WHICH SOMEBODY THOUGHT TO DO SOMETHING, AND IT WAS NOT PART OF THE RAGE OF THE ORIGINAL BATTLE OF THE LAST ORIGINAL BATTLE -->> YOUR HONOR, I'M NOT DISCUSSING ANY RAGE THAT HAPPENED WHEN BRITNEY AND AUDREANNA GOT IN A FIGHT, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TIME -->> I THINK WE NEED TO, BECAUSE IT'S NOT PART OF THAT RAGE. IT'S A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO THIS VICTIM BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED DURING THAT FIGHT. >> THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF ANY THOUGHTFUL APPROACH BETWEEN THE FIGHT BETWEEN BRITNEY AND AUDREANNA AND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE TRAILER THAT DAY. >> WHAT DOES THE RECORD SHOW ABOUT WHERE THE GASOLINE -- THE GASOLINE THAT WAS USED -->> THERE'S NO EVIDENCE OF WHERE IT CAME FROM OR WHEN IT WAS PLACED IN THE CAR. COULD HAVE BEEN IN THERE THE WHOLE TIME. AND THE TRIAL JUDGE EVEN COMMENTED THAT, YOU KNOW, EVEN IF THAT WASN'T PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN, THE TRIAL JUDGE RECOGNIZED THAT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN. I THINK THE FOCUS HAS TO BE ON WHAT HAPPENED IN THE TRAILER, BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN THE ATTACK BEGAN, AND THERE'S NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS ANY PLAN TO ATTACK BEFORE THAT POINT IN TIME. THERE JUST ISN'T ANY EVIDENCE -->> WHAT DID SHE HAVE THE STUN

GUN FOR?

WHY DID SHE HAVE THE STUN GUN WHICH WAS CLEARLY AFTER THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE DAUGHTER, THE DEFENDANT --

>> YES.

ARRIVED.

>> -- HAD A STUN GUN.

>> HEATHER MAY HAVE BROUGHT IT OVER TO THE TRAILER --

>> WELL, AGAIN, THERE'S A TIME SEPARATION.

>> TEN MINUTES BEFORE THAT HAPPENED, THOUGH, YOUR HONOR. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE STUN GUN GOT TO THE TRAILER. THAT COULD HAVE BEEN FIVE MINUTES BEFORE AUDREANNA

>> WE GET INTO THIS, WE DON'T LEAVE OUR COMMON SENSE OUTSIDE OF THIS.

WE MUST HAVE EVIDENCE, BUT THERE CERTAINLY IS NOTHING IN THIS RECORD THAT I HAVE SEEN THAT SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THIS HAPPENED AS JUST PART OF THAT INITIAL EVENT, THIS IS JUST PART OF THE RAGE.

AND I'M HAVING VERY MUCH TROUBLE FOLLOWING YOUR ARGUMENT SAYING, WELL, THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED A WEEK BEFORE, AND THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO ELAPSE BEFORE A DEFENDANT ACTS OUT AND CARRIES OUT A KILLING.

>> THERE HAS TO BE SOME INDICATION OF PLANNING, YOUR HONOR, AND THERE WASN'T ANY. AND RETURNING TO COMMON SENSE, THIS IS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO CRACK AT THE AGE OF 13, HAS BEEN A CRACK ADDICT HER ENTIRE LIFE.

THESE CRIMES DON'T MAKE COMMON SENSE.

THEY DON'T DO THESE THINGS THE WAY WE MIGHT DO THEM, WITH CAREFUL PLANNING.

>> YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO

ALSO DISCUSS PROPORTIONALITY. >> YES.

>> LET US ASSUME, BECAUSE AS I SEE THIS CRIME, I MEAN, AGAIN, WE SEE A LOT OF HORRENDOUS CRIMES, BUT WHETHER YOU CALL THIS CCP OR HAC -- WHICH ARE BOTH ASPECTS OF THE CRIME --THIS IS HORRENDOUS.

THIS ISN'T JUST A, THIS IS, TO ME, A WAY AGGRAVATED CRIME. SO LET'S JUST TAKE THAT THERE WAS HAC IN THE WAY THAT THIS CRIME OCCURRED.

AND YOU HAVE ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS HEIGHTENED PLANNING.
AND THEN IT WAS CRUEL, IT WAS TORTUROUS, IT WAS VILE, IT WAS WICKED.

NOW WE'VE GOT ALSO THAT IT OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF A KIDNAPPING.

I AM HAVING TROUBLE EVEN IF YOU TAKE CCP OUT OF THE EQUATION WHY THIS IS NOT A PROPORTIONATE DEATH SENTENCE.

>> WELL, OUR ARGUMENT THERE, YOUR HONOR, IS THAT THIS JUST SIMPLY ISN'T ONE OF THE LEAST MITIGATED OF CRIMES.

>> WELL, YOU KNOW AS AN EXPERIENCED DEATH PENALTY ADVOCATE THAT ALTHOUGH WE USE BOTH, WE LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE --

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> AND IT'S CERTAINLY ONE OF THE UP THERE WITH THE MOST AGGRAVATED.

AND THE PROBLEM WITH THE MITIGATION IS THAT NO QUESTION THAT SHE HAD A CRACK COCAINE ADDICTION, THAT SHE WAS BORN TO A TEENAGE MOTHER, THAT SHE WAS ABANDONED, THAT SHE WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED BY HER FATHER, ALL OF THOSE FACTORS.

STILL, IT IS — THE JUDGE FOUND AND THE JURY UNANIMOUSLY FOUND THAT THE AGGRAVATORS OUTWEIGHED

THE MITIGATORS.

I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU LOOK AT THIS ESPECIALLY WITH THE PLANNING AND SAY THAT THIS WAS A, IS ONE OF THE MOST MITIGATED CRIMES OR PEOPLE.

SO EXPLAIN THAT A LITTLE BIT MORE, HOW YOU GET THERE AND WHAT CASE SUPPORTS THAT THIS IS NOT A PROPORTIONATE SENTENCE.

>> 0KAY.

JUST TO GO BACK TO THE PLANNING, AND I APOLOGIZE, BUT THERE WAS HEIGHTENED PREMEDITATION IN THIS THAT IT WASN'T JUST SIMPLE. THERE WAS, OBVIOUSLY, A -- YOU KNOW, BRITNEY'S STATEMENT, "WE'RE FIXING TO KILL HER," YOU KNOW, THERE WAS SOME DECISION TO KILL.

BUT THERE WASN'T A LONG-RANGE PLAN.

THERE WASN'T --

>> COULD WE DO ANYTHING, ISN'T THERE EVIDENCE THAT THIS DEFENDANT AFTER SHE FOUND OUT THAT THE VICTIM HAD SURVIVED THIS ATTACK ASKED A FRIEND TO FINISH HER OFF?

>> YES, SHE DID.

>> WHAT DO WE DO, DO WE JUST IGNORE THAT?

>> WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER STATE OF MIND AT THE TIME THAT THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. THAT'S RELATED TO FEAR OF GETTING CAUGHT, ETC.

I THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT HER STATE OF MIND AT THE TIME.

THE MANY TERMS OF THE MITIGATION, I JUST THINK THERE'S COPIOUS MITIGATION HERE.

IT'S COMPELLING, IT'S

SUBSTANTIAL.

I THINK IT'S, AT LEAST AS COMPELLING AS OTHER CASES WHERE THE COURT HAS REVERSED ON PROPORTIONALLY GROUNDS BASED ON THE EXTENT OF THE MITIGATION. AND I'D POINT OUT, ALSO, THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE GAVE WEIGHT, SOME OR MODERATE WEIGHT TO SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MITIGATORS AND DETAILED THEM IN HIS ORDER. THE PARENTAL NEGLECT, THE ENVIRONMENT SHE'S RAISED IN, AND DR. BAILEY'S TESTIMONY IS ALSO VERY PERTINENT HERE. SHE WAS BROKEN IN A LOT OF PLACES BY THE TIME THIS HAPPENED.

SHE HAD A CRACKED FOUNDATION.
THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO HER,
THE REPEATED TRAUMAS AFFECTED
HER SOCIAL, HER COGNITIVE, HER
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN SO MANY
WAYS.

SHE NEVER GOT TREATMENT FOR ANY OF IT.

AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THIS CASE --

- >> BUT SHE DID GET MULTIPLE TREATMENTS FOR DRUG ADDICTION. >> SHE WAS IN DRUG TREATMENT TWICE, AND SHE HAD TWO PERIODS OF SOBRIETY IN WHICH SHE DID WELL.
- >> WHAT WAS THE STATE OF HER DRUG USE AT THE TIME OF THIS CRIME?
- >> SHE HAD, HER BEST PERIOD WAS, I THINK, BETWEEN THE AGE OF 35 AND 39 WHERE SHE BRIEFLY HAD, I THINK SHE HAD FOUR YEARS OF SOBRIETY.
- >> WASN'T THAT DURING THIS ->> THEN SHE MOVED TO PENSACOLA,
  AND SHE MOVED INTO THIS TRAILER
  PARK AFTER SHE WAS KICKED OUT OF
  THE HOUSE -- WELL, SHE WASN'T
  KICKED OUT, BUT HER FRIEND'S
  MOTHER MOVED IN, SO SHE MOVED
  INTO THIS TRAILER PARK, AND
  THAT'S WHEN SHE RELAPSED.
  AND THIS, SHE RELAPSED STARTING,
  WAS BACK ON THE CRACK ABOUT FIVE
  MONTHS BEFORE THIS HAPPENED.
  >> AND WHAT -- WAS THERE SOME
  INDICATION THAT SHE WAS USING,

THAT SHE WAS ON CRACK AT THE TIME?

>> YES.

>> SO WHAT WAS THAT?
I DIDN'T RECALL THAT SHE HAD
ACTUALLY USED CRACK THE DAY OF

THIS INCIDENT. >> SHE WAS USING --

>> WHAT WAS THE TESTIMONY?

>> SHE WAS USING CRACK THAT DAY.

DR. BAILEY TESTIFIED, DR --

>> WELL, I'M TALKING ABOUT

SOMEONE WHO WAS ACTUALLY WITH HER OR SOMETHING, YOU KNOW?

BECAUSE DR. BAILEY PROBABLY GOT

HIS INFORMATION FROM HER. >> HER INFORMATION, YEAH.

>> WAS THERE ANYONE WHO

TESTIFIED OTHER THAN THE DOCTOR

ABOUT WHAT SHE WAS DOING THAT DAY OR A FEW DAYS PREVIOUS TO

THIS INCIDENT?

ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

>> NO, THERE WAS NOT, YOUR HONOR.

BUT BOTH THE DEFENSE EXPERT AND THE STATE EXPERT TESTIFIED THAT

SHE WAS USING CRACK THAT DAY.

THEY FOUND HER STATEMENTS TO

THEM CREDIBLE, AND THE TRIAL

JUDGE ALSO FOUND AS A FINDING OF FACT THAT SHE WAS USING THAT DAY AND THAT HER USE OF CRACK WAS A

FACTOR IN THE MURDER.

SO I THINK THAT'S ESTABLISHED IN THE RECORD.

\$2-\$400 WORTH OF CRACK.

BUT SHE WAS A LONG-TERM CRACK ADDICT.

SHE HAD BEEN USING CRACK OTHER THAN THOSE TWO PERIODS OF

SOBRIETY SINCE PROBABLY THE AGE OF 13.

SHE WAS INTRODUCED TO IT BY HER STEPMOTHER.

HER MOTHER ABANDONED HER WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD AFTER YEARS OF NEGLECT.

STEPMOTHER -- FATHER RAPED HER FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, THEN

STEPMOTHER MOVED IN. STEPMOTHER WAS A CRACK ADDICT AND A PROSTITUTE. OF COURSE, SHE WAS HAPPY TO SEE STEPMOTHER AND BONDED WITH HER BECAUSE AT LEAST DAD WASN'T RAPING HER. AND THEN STEPMOTHER INTRODUCED HER TO CRACK, AND THERE'S EVIDENCE THAT BOTH HER STEPMOTHER AND HER FATHER PROSTITUTED HER FOR DRUGS. HER FATHER WAS A DRUG ENFORCER, ENFORCER IN SOME DRUG ORGANIZATION IN NORTH CHICAGO, SO SHE GREW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF DRUGS AND CRIME HER ENTIRE LIFE. IT WAS A HIGH-CRIME, HIGH-VIOLENCE NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE WITNESSED A MURDER. SHE FINALLY LEFT HOME. SHE WAS IN THREE SEXUALLY AND PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. SO THIS IS A CHILD, ADOLESCENT AND EVENTUALLY, I SUPPOSE, SHE BECAME A WOMAN WHO WAS SUBJECTED TO REPEATED ASSAULTS IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY IMAGINABLE. THAT IS SIGNIFICANT MITIGATION. AND I THINK THIS COURT SHOULD TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT. >> WELL, WE -- I AGREE THAT THERE'S SIGNIFICANT MITIGATION. BUT THAT'S JUST WITHOUT LOOKING, AND THAT'S I THINK I ASKED YOU ABOUT EVEN IF THERE'S NO CCP, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT AGGRAVATION HERE, AND IT'S IRONIC THAT AS A WOMAN WE'VE HAD A -- WE HAD A CRIME, CASE RECENTLY WHERE THIS SAME MOTIVATION, SOME KIND OF VENGEANCE --[INAUDIBLE] AND, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE THAT KILL AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE DEATH PENALTY 90 PLUS PERCENT OF THEM HAVE THESE HORRIBLE UPBRINGINGS. BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP THE COURT

FROM STILL FINDING IT TO BE A PROPORTIONATE SENTENCE.
SO I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH YOUR, AGAIN, YOUR ARGUMENT.
CERTAINLY, THERE'S A LOT OF MITIGATION, BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IT OUTWEIGHS THE AGGRAVATION IN THIS CASE OR MAKES IT DISPROPORTIONATE.

>> WELL, THERE ARE OTHER CASES, AND I CITED THEM IN MY BRIEF, WHERE HAC WAS FOUND, AND THERE WERE SEVERAL MITIGATORS EITHER TWO OR THREE.

OF COURSE, IN THE BELL CASE THERE WERE FOUR MITIGATORS, AND THE COURT REDUCED IT BASED ON THE, I MEAN, AGO --

>> HOW OLD WAS MR. BELL?

>> BELL WAS TWO MONTHS SHY OF 18 AT THE TIME.

>> AND HOW OLD IS THIS DEFENDANT?

>> SHE'S 39.

SO I UNDERSTAND WE'RE LOOKING AT -- SHE'S PROBABLY NOT AN ADULT THOUGH, YOUR HONOR. SHE'S BEEN ON CRACK HER ENTIRE LIFE.

MR. BELL WAS 17.

PROPORTIONATE.

HE HAD A NORMAL CHILDHOOD. NOTHING HAPPENED TO HIM.

>> I JUST DON'T THINK THAT YOU CAN TAKE THE BELL CASE AND SAY BECAUSE THAT CASE WAS REDUCED TO LIFE, THAT THIS CASE IS NOT

AND I'M SURE THE STATE HAS SEVERAL CASES THAT THIS IS MORE SIMILAR TO.

>> WELL, THE STATE CITED FIVE CASES, AND NONE OF THEM ARE SIMILAR, AND I JUST DIRECT THE COURT --

>> AGAIN, THIS IS WHEN SOMEONE COMES UP WITH A WAY TO MURDER SOMEBODY THAT JUST IS BEYOND THE SOCIETAL NORM, AND IT'S SHOCKING.

I'M NOT SURE WE CAN ALWAYS

DUPLICATE THIS MURDER.
THIS IS AMONG THE MOST
HEINOUS -- THIS IS, YOU KNOW,
THERE ARE A LOT OF CASES WHERE I
DISSENT AND I GO THIS IS NOT
HAC.

THIS IS A CLASSIC HAC CASE WHERE THERE APPEARS EVEN TO BE AN INTENT TO HAVE TORTURED THIS VICTIM.

AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT LIKE EVEN OTHER HAC CASES.

>> WELL, I CITED KRAMER, I CITED VOORHEES, AND IN THOSE CASES THE DEFENDANTS WERE BEATEN, HOG TIED, IN ONE CASE SMASHED WITH ROCKS.

MR. KRAMER HAD A PRIOR ATTEMPTED MURDER CONVICTION.

THAT WAS HEINOUS CRIME AS WELL. THERE ARE HEINOUS CRIMES WHERE THE COURT HAS REDUCED THE SENTENCE, AND I THINK THE MITIGATION HERE JUST SIMPLY OUTWEIGHS THAT.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I'LL SAVE THE REST OF MY TIME FOR REBUTTAL.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, TAMARA MILOSEVIC ON BEHALF OF THE STATE.

DELIBERATE NATURE OF DEFENDANT'S ACTIONS ESTABLISHES THAT THIS MURDER WAS A PRODUCT OF DEFENDANT'S COOL AND CALM REFLECTION AND WAS NOT PROMPTED BY EMOTIONAL FRENZY, PANIC OR FIT OF RAGE.

THIS MURDER WAS NOT A RESULT OF AN UNANTICIPATED ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE.

IT WAS, THERE WAS A DELIBERATE PLAN THAT WAS, THAT EXISTED, AND MY OPPONENT WAS, STATED THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE THAT — OF CCP.
HOWEVER, THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE BECAUSE WE HAVE AMPLE EVIDENCE IN THIS RECORD THAT SHOWS HOW

THIS MURDER WAS -->> CAN YOU JUST HELP US OUT HERE FOR A MOMENT WITH THE INCIDENT CONCERNING THE DAUGHTER AND THE STUN GUN? WHEN DID -- WHAT DATE DID THAT TAKE PLACE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE DAY THAT THIS MURDER TOOK PLACE? >> THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO SAY NEXT. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL MURDER. THAT WAS, WE HAVE A TESTIMONY FROM HEATHER LEE, A CO-DEFENDANT, WHO STATED -- WHO WAS PRESENT AT THAT TIME. THIS INCIDENT, AND SHE STATED THAT IT HAPPENED FEW DAYS BEFORE. SHE DIDN'T SAY EXACT DATE, BUT IT WAS FEW DAYS BEFORE. HEATHER LEE WAS PRESENT. IT WAS SOME -- AND THE DEFENDANT'S DAUGHTER, MILLER, ALSO CO-DEFENDANT, ALLEGEDLY IT WAS SOME DISPUTE OVER SOME BOY. AND ACCORDING TO LEE, DEFENDANT -- ZIMMERMAN ATTEMPTED TO TASE MILLER. AND LEE, WHO WAS PRESENT, SHE --AFTER THE INCIDENT SHE TOLD THE DEFENDANT WHAT HAD HAPPENED, AND DEFENDANT TOLD HER I'M GOING TO, "I'M GOING TO GET HER." SO SHE ANNOUNCED HER PLANS FEW DAYS BEFORE THE INCIDENT. AND ALSO MILLER, DEFENDANT'S DAUGHTER, SHE ALSO TOLD DEFENDANT WHAT HAD HAPPENED, WHAT ZIMMERMAN ATTEMPTED TO DO, AND SHE -- DEFENDANT REPLIED THAT, "I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT." SO THERE IS EVIDENCE. SO WE HAVE A TIMELINE. SO THIS, AS I SAID, IT WAS NOT AN ESCALATION OF VIOLATION. THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS PREPLANNED.

THIS WAS, THERE WAS DELIBERATE PLAN AT LEAST A FEW DAYS BEFORE. SO THE DEFENDANT HAD TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS. HER ACTIONS WERE GOAL-DIRECTED, AND SHE DEFINITELY, SHE DID EVERYTHING TO EFFECTUATE HER PLAN OF MURDERING ZIMMERMAN. >> HOW DID THE GASOLINE CAN GET INTO THE CAR? WAS IT ALREADY OR THERE? WAS IT PLACED THERE? >> WE DON'T HAVE ANY TESTIMONY. NOBODY TESTIFIED ABOUT THE GAS CAN PER SE, HOW IT CAME THERE. BUT IT SIMPLY -- BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS FEW DAYS' TIME SPAN BETWEEN THIS INCIDENT AND THE ACTUAL MURDER, GAS CAN, PEOPLE DON'T CARRY THEIR GAS CANS IN THEIR CARS.

IT'S DANGEROUS.

BUT WE, AS I SAID, WE DON'T HAVE TESTIMONY THAT, HOW SHE GOT IT, WHEN DID SHE GET IT.

BUT AS I SAID, PEOPLE DON'T CARRY GAS CANS IN THEIR CARS. >> SHE INSTRUCTED HER DAUGHTER, MILLER, RETURN TO THE CAR TO GET THE GAS CAN.

>> SHE, WHEN THEY -- AFTER THIS WHOLE, WELL, AFTER THE BEATING, WELL, MY OPPONENT ALSO STATED THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED LIKE NOT -- IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO MUCH TIME.

HOWEVER, IT DID TAKE AT LEAST AN HOUR.

AFTER THE INCIDENT IN THE TRAILER, THE VICTIM WAS TASED, BEATEN, DRAGGED TO THE BATHROOM, TASED SOME MORE, BEATEN SOME MORE.

SHE WAS KIDNAPPED.

DEFENDANT DIRECTED HER DAUGHTER TO BRING THE CAR AT THE BACK OF THE TRAILER.

SHE WAS DIRECTING BOTH MILLER, HER DAUGHTER, AND LEE.

SO SHE WAS THE LEADER OF THIS, OF THIS WHOLE OPERATION.
SO WHEN SHE, WHEN SHE PLACES ZIMMERMAN INTO THE TRUNK, SHE KNEW WHERE SHE WAS GOING.
SO SHE WAS, SHE DIRECTED MILLER TO DRIVE TO THIS SECLUDED WOODED AREA IN ASHLAND AREA, I THINK THAT'S HOW IT'S CALLED.
SO SHE KNEW WHERE SHE WAS GOING. SO WHEN DEFENDANT CAME THERE, THE BEATING CONTINUED. AT ONE POINT ZIMMERMAN TRIED TO ESCAPE.

HOWEVER, DEFENDANT TRACKED HER DOWN, SHE BEAT HER SOME MORE WITH A CROWBAR.

SHE USED, AGAIN, A STUN GUN, AND THEN SHE DIRECTED HEATHER LEE -- NOT HER DAUGHTER, HEATHER LEE -- TO GO TO THE CAR AND BRING THE GAS CAN.

LEE FOLLOWED HER INSTRUCTIONS. HOWEVER, DEFENDANT WAS SO IMPATIENT SHE CAME AFTER HER, AND SHE SNATCHED THE GAS CAN FROM HER HANDS.

SHE TOOK THE GAS CAN, SHE LIT SOME —— SHE POURED GASOLINE OVER ZIMMERMAN, SHE SET HER ON FIRE, AND SHE WAS WATCHING WHAT WAS, HOW ZIMMERMAN WAS BURNING. AND HER DAUGHTER, MILLER, WAS JUMPING AND SCREAMING, I QUOTE, "BURN, BITCH, BURN."

AND THEY WERE ALL STANDING THERE WATCHING WHAT WAS GOING ON.

SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING, AND SHE DID EFFECTUATE THIS MURDER ACCORDING TO HER PLAN.

SO IT DID HAPPEN.

THE INCIDENT DID HAPPEN FEW DAYS BEFORE, AND SHE HAD AMPLE TIME TO EFFECTUATE THIS.

SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING. SHE PROCURED -- SHE ANNOUNCED HER PLANS.

WE HAVE TESTIMONY ABOUT THAT, THAT SHE'S GOING TO GET, THAT SHE'S GOING TO GET ZIMMERMAN.

THE OTHER THING MALLORY
TESTIFIED AS TO THE FACT THAT
WHEN SHE CAME BEFORE ZIMMERMAN,
CAME TO DEFENDANT'S TRAILER, SHE
TESTIFIED THAT MILLER -- THE
DAUGHTER WAS THERE, LEE WAS
THERE AND DEFENDANT WAS THERE.
AND THIS IS RELATED TO THE PLAN
AND DECIDED THIS WAS COLD AND
CALCULATED.

SHE TOLD, MILLER TOLD HER FRIEND
"WE ARE FIXING TO KILL
AUDREANNA, SO IF YOU SAY
SOMETHING, WE'RE GOING TO THE
KILL YOU TOO."
SO THERE WAS A PLAN.
THEY WERE ALL THERE.
SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING.
>> I THINK THEIR ARGUMENT IS NOT

THAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SHE WAS DOING, BUT THAT SHE WAS PROMPTED BY RAGE, SHE WAS -- THE JUDGE FOUND THAT SHE HAD USED CRACK COCAINE THAT DAY, YOU KNOW, HE HAD HER OWN HISTORY OF BEING ABUSED SEXUALLY AND OTHERWISE, AND IT WAS HER DAUGHTER THAT WAS BEING SORT OF ATTACKED.

SO THAT, THOSE FACTORS PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF THE COLD PRONG OF COLD, CALCULATED AND PREMEDITATED.

>> ABSOLUTELY NOT.

BECAUSE, AS I SAID, THIS WAS NOT AN ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE.

>> SO THAT WOULD BE ONE THING THAT YOU LOOK AT.

>> THAT WOULD BE ONE THING, WHAT HAD TRIGGERED HER HAPPENED DAYS BEFORE.

SO THIS IS, THIS IS A TYPICAL CASE OF CCP, OF COLD CALCULATION.

THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT SHE ACTED OUT OF RAGE. SHE MAY HAVE BEEN ANGRY BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED, AGAIN, DAYS BEFORE. SHE — THIS, THAT INCIDENT

PROBABLY, LIKE, MADE HER ANGRY BECAUSE IT WAS HER DAUGHTER AND BECAUSE OF WHAT SHE HAD HEARD THAT HAPPENED.

HOWEVER, THAT SIMPLY DOESN'T NEGATE FINDING OF COLD CALCULATION HERE.

>> HERE'S THE THING THAT DOES, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT FITS IN WITH ANY OF THE POINTS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, BUT SHE'S 39 YEARS OLD.

>> I THINK SHE WAS 40.

>> 40.

>> YEAH.

>> AND HAS HAD THIS HISTORY IN HER LIFE.

BUT, AND SHE'S BEEN INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

BUT THERE'S BEEN, THERE WAS NO HISTORY OF ANY PRIOR VIOLENCE. WHAT DO WE KNOW OR UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES HERE THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED THIS DEFENDANT TO ACT DIFFERENTLY THAN SHE HAD EVER ACTED BEFORE FACED WITH ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT CHALLENGES THAT SHE FACED, THAT SHE HAD? WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT —

>> THE TRIAL COURT DID FIND ONE STATUTORY MITIGATOR, THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE HISTORY OF PRIOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

HOWEVER, THE MITIGATION, YOUR HONOR, YOU'RE REFERRING TO THAT SHE WAS A DRUG ADDICT, THE TRIAL COURT DID FIND THAT IN MITIGATION.

HOWEVER, ALL THIS MITIGATION, IT WAS ALL NONSTATUTORY, AND THE TRIAL COURT ASSIGNED IT LITTLE OR MINIMAL WEIGHT.

SO THERE WAS, THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT SHE HAD A DISTURBED CHILDHOOD, THAT HER PARENTS WERE YOUNG WHEN DEFENDANT WAS BORN, THAT SHE — THAT THEY WERE SEPARATED —

>> I MEAN, LISTEN, LET'S NOT UNDER-- THE NONSTATUTORY

MITIGATION IS GREAT.

- >> RIGHT.
- >> I GUESS WHAT I WAS ASKING, WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HER -- >> UH-HUH.
- >> -- THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED
  THIS EVENT TO PRECIPITATE A
  HEINOUS, ATROCIOUS AND CRUEL
  MURDER WHEN FOR THE LAST, HER
  ADULTHOOD OF 20-PLUS YEARS FACED
  WITH ALL SORTS OF OTHER THINGS
  SHE, BASICALLY, WAS NOT A
  VIOLENT PERSON.
- >> WHAT DID CAUSE HER TO DO THIS?

FRANKLY, WE WOULDN'T KNOW.

- >> THERE WASN'T ANY --
- >> THERE WAS NO -- EXACTLY.
- SO BASED ON ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE ABOUT HER HISTORY,
- THIS IS DEFINITELY, THIS
- INCIDENT THAT TRIGGERED HER TO
- DO THIS WHY, HONESTLY, I CAN'T
- ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
- BUT THIS WAS DEFINITELY -- THE
- INCIDENT WAS DEFINITELY
- SOMETHING THAT TRIGGERED HER
- THAT SHE WANTED TO GET REVENGE OVER ZIMMERMAN.
- >> SO NOBODY, NONE -- DID SHE HAVE PSYCHIATRISTS TESTIFY IN THE PENALTY PHASE?
- >> WE HAD, SHE HAD DR. BAILEY
- WHO TESTIFIED --
- >> SO NOBODY GAVE THAT THIS, YOU
- KNOW, BECAUSE YOU HAVE THINGS
- LIKE, YOU KNOW, DOMESTIC ABUSE --
- >> UH-HUH.
- >> -- SEXUAL ABUSE, THAT
- SOMETHING TRIGGERED SO THAT IF SHE WASN'T ABLE TO CONTROL WHAT
- SHE WAS DOING, THERE WAS NO
- TESTIMONY?
- >> NO, THERE WAS NO TESTIMONY. AND LET ME JUST MAKE A POINT.
- ALL THIS FAMILY VIOLENCE,
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THAT SHE
- EXPERIENCED THROUGH THE MEN SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH, THIS ALL

HAPPENED DECADES AGO.
THIS FAMILY VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL
ABUSE BY HER FATHER HAPPENED 27
YEARS AGO, 27 YEARS BEFORE THE

SHE WAS IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GREG MILLER WHEN SHE WAS 20 UNTIL SHE WAS 22 YEARS OLD. THIS WAS THE ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP SHE HAD THAT DEFINITELY HAD IMPACT ON HER. SO --

MURDER.

>> HOW LONG BEFORE THE MURDER HAD SHE GONE BACK ON CRACK COCAINE?

>> SHE WAS, SHE WAS GOING BACK AND FORTH.

AND SHE DID HAVE HISTORY OF DRUGS, DRUG ABUSE.

HOWEVER, SHE ALSO HAD, SHE UNDERWENT DRUG TREATMENT, AND SHE WAS ABLE TO BE SOBER FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME WHEN SHE WANTED TO.

AND BOTH DOCTORS TESTIFIED TO THAT, TO THAT EFFECT, AND THEY BOTH TESTIFIED THAT WHEN SHE WANTED TO BE SOBER AND NOT TO USE DRUGS, SHE WAS ABLE TO DO THAT.

AND SHE WAS ALSO ABLE TO FIND STABLE JOBS.

SHE WAS WORKING AS A BARTENDER. AT ONE POINT AFTER SHE COMPLETED, I THINK, THE SECOND DRUG TREATMENT SUCCESSFULLY, SHE WAS, SHE BECAME A MANAGER. I'M NOT SURE WHAT WAS, WHERE, BUT SHE WAS ABLE TO FUNCTION NORMALLY WHEN SHE WANTED TO. SHE WAS ABLE TO STAY OUT OF DRUGS WHEN SHE WANTED TO. >> I MENTIONED THIS EARLIER WITH MS. CAREY, BUT I THINK THE WHOLE FRENZY ARGUMENT WAS DEFEATED IN THE YOUNG BRITNEY MILLER, THE DAUGHTER, TELLING HER FRIEND, HER 13-YEAR-OLD FRIEND BEFORE ZIMMERMAN'S EVEN ABDUCTED. TELLING HER, "WE'RE FIXING TO

KILL HER."

>> RIGHT.

>> SO BEFORE SHE EVEN GETS TO THE APARTMENT --

>> RIGHT.

>> IS THAT BEFORE SHE GETS TO THE TRAILER OR WAS THAT AFTER SHE WAS ALREADY THERE?

>> THAT WAS BEFORE ZIMMERMAN

CAME TO DEFENDANT'S TRAILER. >> SO BEFORE SHE GETS TO THE

TRAILER, SHE SAYS --

>> BEFORE SHE CAME TO

DEFENDANT'S TRAILER, THAT

CONVERSATION OCCURRED.
BECAUSE WHEN THAT CONVERSATION

OCCURRED, IT WAS BETWEEN MILLER,

THE DAUGHTER, AND HER FRIEND

MALLORY WHO TESTIFIED TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED AT THE TRIAL.

AND DEFENDANT WAS THERE, AND

LEE -- THE SECOND

CO-DEFENDANT -- WAS ALSO THERE.
AND THAT CONVERSATION OCCURRED
WHEN MILLER TOLD HER EDIEND WE

WHEN MILLER TOLD HER FRIEND WE ARE FIXING -- I'M QUOTING, "WE

ARE FIXING TO KILL AUDREANNA.

YOU BETTER NOT SAY, NOT DO ANYTHING BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO

KILL YOU TOO."

>> THE STATEMENT THAT THE VICTIM MADE, QUOTE, "I THOUGHT WE MADE UP," WHEN WAS THAT MADE EXACTLY?

>> THAT WAS A STATEMENT FROM ZIMMERMAN AFTER SHE WAS, SHE

SURVIVED THE ATTACK.

SHE FOUND HER WAY THROUGH THIS WOODED AREA TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD,

TO THE NEARBY HOUSE OF HEDRICK
WHO WAS AT HIS PORCH WHEN HE

HEARD SCREAMING AND MOANING, WHEN HE HEARD ZIMMERMAN ASKING FOR HELP.

SO HE CALLED 911.

PARAMEDICS CAME, AND SHE WAS STILL ALERT.

SHE WAS STILL ALIVE AND ABLE TO TALK AND TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HER.

SO WHEN PARAMEDICS CAME TO TRY

TO HELP HER AND TO INTUBATE HER, SHE FIRST TOLD PARAMEDICS WHAT HAPPENED.

SHE IDENTIFIED HER ATTACKERS. AND SHE, THEN SHE SAID, "I THOUGHT WE HAD MADE UP." AND THAT GOES TO THE STATE'S ARGUMENT THAT DEFENDANT DEFINITELY LURED HER TO THINK THAT THEY WERE FRIENDS AGAIN IN ORDER TO HAVE HER COME TO DEFENDANT'S TRAILER, BECAUSE THEY WERE NEIGHBORS, AND THEY WERE FIGHTING, AND THEY WERE VISITING EACH OTHER. HOWEVER, WE DEFINITELY KNOW THAT THEY WERE, THE DEFENDANT AND ZIMMERMAN, THEY WERE IN FIGHT. SO AT THAT POINT THEY WEREN'T VISITING EACH OTHER. SO DEFENDANT NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING TO GET HER, ZIMMERMAN'S, CONFIDENCE TO GET HER TO HER TRAILER IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE HER PLAN OF TORTURING AND MURDERING HER.

AS TO THE -- I'M GOING TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT PROPORTIONALITY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CCP.

THE STATE CITED A FEW CASES THAT DEFINITELY SHOW THAT THIS CASE IS EXAMPLE OF A CASE WHERE WE HAVE TWO, THE MOST WEIGHTY AGGRAVATORS, CCP AND HAC, AND ALSO WE HAVE THE THIRD ONE DURING THE COURSE OF A KIDNAPPING.

ABDUL CASE IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR CASE, MITIGATION AND AGGRAVATION WAS ALSO SIMILAR. IT WAS ALSO A CASE WHERE DEFENDANT SET THE VICTIM ON FIRE.

CCP AND HAC WAS ALSO FOUND, THE MITIGATION WAS MUCH, MUCH WEALTHIER BECAUSE STATUTORY MITIGATORS WERE FOUND, CAPACITY MITIGATOR AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF --

[INAUDIBLE]
OR EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE.
AND ALSO THE AGE OF THE
DEFENDANT WAS 19, HERE THE
DEFENDANT WAS 40 YEARS OLD.
OTHER CASES ALSO SHOW THAT -[INAUDIBLE]
WALKER, HENRY, ALL THESE CASES
VERY SIMILAR SCENARIO AND VERY
SIMILAR AGGRAVATORS AND
MITIGATORS.
>> WHEN YOU SAY "SIMILAR FACTUAL

>> WHEN YOU SAY "SIMILAR FACTUAL SCENARIOS," DO WE HAVE THE BURNING OF THE --

>> EXACTLY.

WE HAVE HENRY CASE WHERE DEFENDANT SET TWO VICTIMS ON FIRE.

AND WE ALSO HAVE CASE WHERE DEFENDANT CHOKED THE VICTIM WHO SURPRISED HIM DURING THE BURGLARY, SO WE HAVE DURING THE COURSE OF A BURGLARY AS WE HAVE HERE A FELONY MURDER AND ALSO AFTER DEFENDANT BLUDGEONED AND HAD BEATEN THE VICTIM, HE SET THE VICTIM ON FIRE.

SO THAT'S VERY. VERY SIMILAR

SO THAT'S VERY, VERY SIMILAR FACTS.

AGGRAVATORS AND MITIGATORS ALSO. THE CASES MY OPPONENT CITED AS THE CASE, BELL, AS YOU ALL KNOW — JUSTICE PARIENTE, YOU MENTIONED THAT IN BELL THE DEFENDANT WAS 17 YEARS OLD, AND IT WAS SITUATION THAT WAS DEFINITELY NOT SIMILAR TO THIS ONE.

AND HERE WE HAVE MORE
AGGRAVATORS -- ACTUALLY, I THINK
THE AGGRAVATORS ARE THE SAME,
BUT THE MITIGATION IN BELL WAS
REALLY, REALLY GREAT IN THAT WE
HAVE BELL WAS A MINOR AT THE
TIME WHEN HE MURDERED THE
VICTIM, AND WE HAVE HIS
CO-DEFENDANTS WHO WERE EQUALLY
CULPABLE WHEREAS HERE WE HAVE
DEFENDANT WHO WAS THE LEADER AND
WHO, AND WE HAVE HER DAUGHTER,

MILLER, WHO WAS 16 AT THE TIME, SO SHE WAS — THERE WAS NO WAY THAT LEGALLY WE COULD SEEK FOR THE DEATH PENALTY. AND WE HAVE LEE WHO WAS A CO-DEFENDANT WHO ENTERED SECOND-DEGREE, A PLEA AGREEMENT.

SECOND-DEGREE, A PLEA AGREEMENT. SO AS A MATTER OF LAW, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SEEK DEATH PENALTY.

IF THIS COURT HAS NO OTHER QUESTIONS FOR ME, I WOULD ASK THAT THE JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE BE AFFIRMED.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

**REBUTTAL?** 

>> JUST BRIEFLY, YOUR HONOR.
I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS JUSTICE
PARIENTE'S QUESTION TO THE STATE
ABOUT WHY THIS MIGHT HAVE
HAPPENED AFTER 39, 49 YEARS OF
NO VIOLENCE, NO VIOLENT HISTORY.
AND DR. BAILEY TESTIFIED ABOUT
THAT.

THIS TYPE OF TRAUMA, REPEAT TRAUMA, ONE OF THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA OF THIS TYPE THAT OCCURS IN CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE, IN HER CASE, IS A NUMBING OF EMOTIONS, A COMPARTMENTALIZATION OF THE PAIN THAT IS CAUSED BY THESE TYPES OF THINGS.

AND WHAT SHE SAID IS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH TINA.

SHE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INSIGHT AS TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HER, AND SHE EVEN DESCRIBED HER CHILDHOOD AS NORMAL.

AND, YOU KNOW, SAID HER FAMILY WAS LIKE THE COSBY FAMILY, AND HER MOTHER WAS HER BEST FRIEND. HER MOTHER, WHO HAD ABANDONED HER, ESSENTIALLY.

SO SHE HAS ABSOLUTELY NO INSIGHT.

AND DR. BAILEY ALSO TESTIFIED THAT BECAUSE OF HER DRUG ADDICTION, ALL THE SYMPTOMS OF PTSD AND EFFECTS OF THAT ARE

COVERED OVER.

AND WHAT HAPPENS IN THESE CASES IS AT SOME POINT WHEN THOSE ISSUES ARE PUT IN A BOX LIKE THAT, THE BOX OPENS, AND IT ALL COMES OUT.

IT'S A BIT LIKE PANDORA'S BOX. AND WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHY IT HAPPENED AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION FOR TT.

BECAUSE THERE IS NO REAL, VALID, COMMON SENSE REASON FOR WHY SHE EXPLODED THIS WAY AT THIS TIME. AND JUST GOING BACK TO CCP, THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A PLAN TO KILL DOES NOT NEGATE THE RAGE SHE WAS EXPERIENCING IN WHICH THE STATE EXPERT FOUND AND WHICH THE TRIAL COURT FOUND. THE TRIAL COURT'S FINDING OF THAT IS ENTITLED TO WEIGHT BY THIS COURT.

THE OTHER POINT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THE OTHER MITIGATOR HERE IS THE DISPARATE SENTENCES OF CO-DEFENDANTS.

AND, OF COURSE, THE 16-YEAR-OLD WAS NOT ELIGIBLE.

HEATHER LEE, SHE PLED TO SECOND-DEGREE MURDER IN EXCHANGE FOR HER TESTIMONY.

BUT THE MOST TELLING EVIDENCE THAT SHE WAS A CO-PERPETRATOR IS THE STATEMENT BY THE VICTIM. WHEN SHE WAS ASKED WHO DID THIS TO YOU, SHE SAID, "TINA BROWN AND HEATHER LEE."

AND SHE REPEATED IT SEVERAL TIMES TO THE PARAMEDIC AND TO THE AMBULANCE, THE PERSON IN THE AMBULANCE.

SHE NAMED HEATHER LEE AS A CO-PERPETRATOR.

>> WELL, BUT I MEAN, YOU DO RECOGNIZE FLORIDA LAW'S CONTRARY TO THAT?

>> YOUR HONOR, WE'RE NOT ARGUING SLATER PROPORTIONALITY, WE'RE ARGUING IT AS A MITIGATOR.

>> I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE ARGUING IT.

>> IT'S A MITIGATOR, YOUR HONOR. THE TRIAL COURT FOUND IT AS A MITIGATOR.

THIS COURT FOUND IT AS A STRONG MITIGATOR IN THE BELL CASE, AND I'D ASK THE COURT TO DO THE SAME HERE.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR ARGUMENTS.
COURT IS ADJOURNED.

>> ALL RISE.