>> OKAY, THE NEXT CASE UP WILL BE--[INAUDIBLE] WE'LL JUST WAIT A FEW MINUTES FOR EVERYONE TO LEAVE. >> HANG ON FOR A SECOND. GENTLEMEN? LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--[INAUDIBLE] >> OKAY. MR. MALONE? >> CHIEF JUSTICE LABARGA, MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, MY NAME'S STEVE MALONE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF RODNEY LOWE . MR. LOWE WAS-- I'M SORRY? >> [INAUDIBLE] >> OH, GOSH. ALL RIGHT. >> DO YOU HAVE A VOLUME THING THERE? THERE YOU GO. >> HOW'S THIS? ALL RIGHT. MR. LOWE WAS CONVICTED OF AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY AND FIRST-DEGREE MURDER IN A JULY 3RD, 1990, SHOOTING AT A CONVENIENCE STORE. AT THE TIME OF, AT THE TIME OF THE CRIME, HE WAS IN HIS FIRST MONTH OF HIS 20TH YEAR. HE WAS 20 YEARS OLD. THIS COURT AFFIRMED THE GRANT OF PENALTY PHASE RELIEF WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAD SAID THAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY SHOOTERS. SO THIS CASE WENT BACK TO A NEW PENALTY PHASE, AND THERE WAS THE COMPETING THEORIES WERE PRESENTED. THE DEFENSE THEORY BEING THAT MR. LOWE WAS, AS HE ADMITTED, WAS THE DRIVER OF THE CAR BUT WAS NOT ACTUALLY THE SHOOTER. IF I COULD DIRECT THE COURT'S ATTENTION TO THE SECOND POINT IN THE BRIEF, BECAUSE I THINK IT OVERARCHES A LOT OF WHAT HAPPENED AT THE TRIAL. AND THAT IS THAT THERE WAS A TOTALLY IMPROPER AGGRAVATOR PRESENTED OF THE FACT THAT

MR. LOWE WAS ON COMMUNITY CONTROL. AND, IN FACT, MR. LOWE WAS NOT ON COMMUNITY CONTROL. HE HAD BEEN CONVICTED IN 1987, EXCUSE ME, OF A BURGLARY AND A ROBBERY WITHOUT A WEAPON, AND AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE HE WAS GIVEN, HE WAS GIVEN A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SENTENCE PURSUANT TO A NO CONTEST PLEA. AND THE LAW COULDN'T BE CLEAR THAT IF IT'S A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SENTENCE, YOU ARE NOT ON COMMUNITY CONTROL, YOU ARE IN A COMMUNITY CONTROL PROGRAM. >> WELL, BOTH OF THOSE ARE DEFINED, ARE THEY NOT, IN THE SAME-->> VERY SIMILAR. >> RIGHT. >> YEAH. BUT LET'S LOOK. [LAUGHTER] >> I HAVE BEEN LOOKING. HELP US UNDERSTAND WHY THESE THINGS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED. >> WELL, FIRST, WHEN THE LEGISLATURE CREATES AN AGGRAVATOR OR IN THIS CASE SORT OF EXPANDED, IT SAYS WHAT THE AGGRAVATOR IS. AND IT SAID THAT IT WAS A VIOLATION, IT HAD TO BE A VIOLATION OF COMMUNITY CONTROL. THIS SAME LEGISLATURE HAS CREATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ACT THAT'S PRESUMED TO KNOW WHAT ITS LAW IS, IT'S PRESUMED TO KNOW THAT, AND IT'S-- IF IT WANTED TO SAY THAT A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER WHO WAS IN A COMMUNITY CONTROL PROGRAM COULD BE AGGRAVATED FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, IT WOULD HAVE, AND IT DIDN'T. >> DID THE ATTORNEY AGREE TO THE AGGRAVATORS OTHER THAN THE-->> [INAUDIBLE] >>-- AVOID ARREST? >> YEAH. I LIKE TO SAY THAT THERE'S AN UNKNOWING ACQUIESCENCE IN THIS COURT'S-->> WELL, COULD YOU GO BACK TO, I MEAN, I'M NOT IMPRESSED WITH

THAT ARGUMENT. >> ALL RIGHT. >> BECAUSE THE JURY'S GOING TO HEAR WHAT, I MEAN, THEY'RE GOING TO HEAR EITHER HE'S IN A COMMUNITY CONTROL PROGRAM, BUT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUE OF WHO WAS THE SHOOTER. ARE ANY OF YOUR POINTS ON APPEAL RELATED TO QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THAT WAS ADEQUATELY EVALUATED IN THE PENALTY PHASE EITHER IN THE-- OR IN THE INSTRUCTIONS OR IN THE JURY OR THE JUDGE'S CONSIDERATION? BECAUSE IF THAT'S WHY WE SENT IT BACK, YOU STARTED TO SAY THAT'S WHY WE SENT IT BACK, AND-- SO IS WHAT, BUT THEN YOU WENT ON TO COMMUNITY CONTROL. SO COULD YOU GET BACK TO THE ISSUE ABOUT WHY WE REVERSED IT AND WHETHER THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT WHO THE SHOOTER WAS? >> YES. JUSTICE PARIENTE, THERE WAS A, THERE WERE A COUPLE PROBLEMS WITH WHAT HAPPENED AT TRIAL IN TERMS OF WHETHER THE JURY COULD CONSIDER THE FACT THAT MR. LOWE WASN'T THE SHOOTER. I HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE IN POINT SIX AND POINT SEVEN. ONE OF THE ISSUES IS THAT THE JURY, THE JURY IS REPEATEDLY INSTRUCTED AS THE HITCHCOCK INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN FORMULATED THAT MR. LOWE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, AND YOU CANNOT QUESTION THAT FINDING. THE JURY IS TOLD HE'S ALSO CONVICTED OF THE ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. THE JURY'S NEVER TOLD THAT IF YOU GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE VERDICT FROM THE ORIGINAL TRIAL, THAT THIS WAS A GENERAL VERDICT, THAT IT WAS BASED ON BOTH FELONY MURDER AND PRINCIPAL'S INSTRUCTIONS, AND THAT THERE WAS A WAY THAT THEY COULD CONSIDER THAT MR. LOWE WAS-->> WELL, DIDN'T THERE, WASN'T THERE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE RESENTENCING FROM THE WITNESSES

WHO ACTUALLY SAID SOMEBODY ELSE SAID THEY-->> THERE WAS. >> OKAY. BUT-- ALL RIGHT. SO IF YOU COULD TAKE IT FROM THERE-->> YES. >> WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THOSE WITNESSES TESTIFIED? >> THE WITNESSES WERE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY, AND THE EVIDENCE WAS ADMITTED THAT BLACKMAN HAD SAID, BRAGGED ABOUT KILLING IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONVENIENCE STORE KILLING THAT HE KILLED THE WOMAN. >> AND HOW DID THE TRIAL JUDGE DEAL WITH THAT? >> THE PROBLEM IS-- THE JUDGE LET THE TESTIMONY IN, BUT THE PROBLEM IS THERE WAS NO WAY FOR THE JURY TO REALLY CONSIDER IT. THERE'S-->> WELL, THEY HAD THE-- THE STATE SAYS THAT THEY WERE INSTRUCTED ON THE MINOR PARTICIPANT MITIGATOR. >> YES, THEY WERE. RIGHT. BUT HOW-- BUT, AGAIN, WHEN A JURY IS TOLD THAT YOU ARE NOT, YOU CANNOT CONSIDER, YOU CANNOT RECONSIDER THE FACT THAT MR. LOWE'S BEEN CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, WHAT-- HOW CAN THEY POSSIBLY CONSIDER-->> BECAUSE IT'S TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. I MEAN, YOU'RE CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT THE SHOOTER. >> WE KNOW THAT. >> DID ANYONE ASK FOR AN INSTRUCTION THAT SPECIFICALLY SAID IS HE, YOU KNOW, THAT--FOR THEM TO DETERMINE WHO THE SHOOTER WAS? WAS THAT-->> NO, I DON'T RECALL THAT INSTRUCTION BEING REQUESTED. >> OR AN INTERROGATORY? >> I BELIEVE THAT THEY REQUESTED THE VERDICT FORMS ON THE AGGRAVATORS TO BE, TO BE FOUND.

BUT, JUSTICE PARIENTE, WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE CAN BE CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER BASED ON FELONY MURDER THEORIES. THE JURORS DON'T KNOW THAT NORMALLY UNLESS THEY'RE TOLD. >> BUT YOU'VE ALREADY JUST SAID THAT THEY DIDN'T ASK FOR AN INSTRUCTION ABOUT THAT, AND SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO GIVE SUCH AN INSTRUCTION? >> I'M SAYING THAT'S FUNDAMENTAL ERROR NOT TO. >> OKAY. >> THAT THIS COURT DIRECTED, IT AFFIRMED THE LOWER COURT'S GRANT OF POSTCONVICTION RELIEF AS TO PENALTY-->> SAY WHAT? WE SAID BASICALLY IN LOWE THAT WE WERE GRANTING IT BECAUSE THERE WERE THE TWO WITNESSES THAT THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SHOULD HAVE FOUND-->> RIGHT. >>-- AND THAT THOSE WOULD BE PERTINENT TO MINOR PARTICIPATION, AND I BELIEVE UNDER THE DOMINATION OF ANOTHER-->> YES, DOMINATION. >> TWO AGGRAVATED-- I MEAN, I'M SORRY, TWO MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES. AND SO THAT'S WHAT WE SAID WHEN WE REMANDED THIS FOR RESENTENCING. >> RIGHT. >> OKAY? AND SO WE GET TO THE RESENTENCING, YOU GOT THE PEOPLE TESTIFIED, YOU HAVE THE ATTORNEY ARGUING THAT EVIDENCE, CORRECT? >> CORRECT. >> AND THEN YOU GET TO THE JURY INSTRUCTIONS, AND THERE'S NO REQUEST FOR JURY INSTRUCTION TO GO WITH THAT. >> NO. AND THERE'S A RELATED ISSUE OF THERE WAS NO--[INAUDIBLE] INSTRUCTION GIVEN EITHER.

>> WELL, BUT THE JUDGE RAISED THAT ISSUE, AND THE DEFENSE LAWYER SAID I'LL LOOK AT IT AND SAID HE WAS SATISFIED. >> RIGHT. >> WITH THE INSTRUCTION. >> THAT'S TRUE. >> SO IT'S AFFIRMATIVELY SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THAT INSTRUCTION. >> WELL-- YES, THAT IS TRUE. BUT THE COURT HAS A MANDATE. THIS COURT AFFIRMED THE LOWER COURT'S GRANT OF RELIEF AS TO PENALTY, AND THE LOWER COURT INCLUDED IN ITS ORDER-- WHICH IS, OF COURSE, COURT-AFFIRMED--THAT THE INSTRUCTION HAD TO BE GIVEN. AND THIS COURT REQUIRES IT IN THESE KINDS OF CASES. I MEAN, I AGREE THERE WAS-- I'D LIKE TO CALL, YOU KNOW, IT WAS ACQUIESCENCE. THE DEFENSE LAWYER DIDN'T PURSUE IT, BUT THE MANDATE OF THIS COURT HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT. >> SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE SHOULD SAY THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE SPECIFICALLY BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF AN EDMOND TYSON INSTRUCTION WHICH, AS I UNDERSTAND THE RECORD THE STATE SAID, NO, WE DON'T NEED TO, BUT THEN HE TURNED TO THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND SAID WOULD YOU LIKE THIS INSTRUCTION, AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SAYS, WELL, LET ME THINK ABOUT IT-->> THINK ABOUT IT OVERNIGHT, RIGHT. >>-- AND THEN COMES BACK AND DOESN'T WANT IT. >> WELL-- DOESN'T PURSUE IT, CORRECT. >> OKAY. BUT YOU-- I'M, YOUR ARGUMENT THEN BREAKS DOWN TO SIMPLY THIS, TO ME, IS THAT DESPITE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SAYING, NO, THEY DIDN'T NECESSARILY WANT THAT INSTRUCTION, THE TRIAL JUDGE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN IT ANYWAY? >> I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT THE LAW

REQUIRES. >> OKAY. >> THE LAW REQUIRES THAT THE JURY MAKE-- ESPECIALLY IN A CASE LIKE THIS. THE LAW REQUIRES THE JURY MAKE AN ENMAN FINDING. >> AND YOU COULD BE RIGHT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE DID SAY IN PEREZ THAT A EDMOND TYSON INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE GIVEN. >> YES. I THINK IT'S REQUIRED. >> THERE WAS A CASE WHERE THERE WERE CO-DEFENDANTS-->> I DON'T RECALL OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD. BUT MOST, I MEAN, MOST LIKELY. THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE. >> WELL, BUT THE REALITY IS THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF THINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE LAW WHICH ARE WAIVEABLE. >> WHICH ARE WHAT, WAIVEABLE? >> WAIVEABLE. SOMETIMES THEY'RE WELL INFORMED AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE NOT. BUT THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. AND THEN MAYBE IF THEY'RE IN THE CATEGORY OF NOT WELL INFORMED, THEN YOU'RE OFF INTO POSTCONVICTION OR-- BUT, OR IT'S FUNDAMENTAL. IF THERE'S SOME KIND OF FUNDAMENTAL ERROR. >> THAT'S WHAT I'M PURSUING HERE. >> SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE REALLY-->> YEAH. AND I AGREE THERE ARE SOME --BUT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK WHEN THE COURT ISSUES A MANDATE AND SAYS TO DO THIS IN THE TRIAL AND IT'S NOT DONE, IT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL. YOU KNOW? THAT RISES TO-->> THAT'S AUTOMATICALLY FUNDAMENTAL. >> WELL, IF THE COURT, IF THIS COURT ORDERS IT AND IT'S NOT DONE, WHAT WOULD BE MORE FUNDAMENTAL? I MEAN--

>> MAYBE VIOLATING THE CONSTITUTION. >> YEAH. >> BUT EVEN A CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION-->> IT IS NOT, RIGHT? >> WELL, IT IS-- NO. NO, NOT DIRECTLY. BUT IT IS IN THE SENSE THAT THERE HAS TO BE A DETERMINATION THIS COURT HAS FILED -->> WE DID AFTER-- THE SUPREME COURT SAID IT WASN'T A CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION. WE DID SAY THAT WE NEEDED ONE TO BE, THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE JURY. I THOUGHT WE HAD-->> I THINK IT SAYS MUST BE SUBMITTED. >> WHAT DID THE JUDGE FIND AS FAR AS THE RELATIVE CULPABILITY? >> JUDGE REJECTED THE DEFENSE THEORY AND THE DEFENSE WITNESSES ON THAT ISSUE. >> SO THERE WAS A CREDIBILITY FINDING THE JUDGE MADE. >> THE JUDGE MADE IT, BUT-->> THAT YOUR CLIENT WAS THE SHOOTER. >> THE JUDGE MADE THAT FINDING, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE JURY SAID BECAUSE -->> BECAUSE, WELL AGAIN-->> [INAUDIBLE] >>-- IT LOOKS LIKE THE DEFENSE LAWYER MADE A TACTICAL DECISION NOT TO HAVE THAT PUT FRONT AND CENTER TO THE JURY. >> I DON'T KNOW WHY THE DEFENSE LAWYER DIDN'T PURSUE IT. I KNOW THIS COURT REQUIRES IT. AND THAT IT SHOULD -->> WE MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THAT. >> I WOULD RATHER DEAL WITH THE ISSUE NOW. [LAUGHTER] >> I UNDERSTAND. >> I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ANOTHER POINT. THE DEFENSE, MY POINT 11, THE DEFENSE PRESENTED A PSYCHOLOGIST WHO TESTIFIED ABOUT A NUMBER OF THINGS BUT MAINLY WAS GOING TO

TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT MR. LOWE WOULD NOT BE VIOLENT IN THE FUTURE. THIS IS A CRITICAL ISSUE IN THIS CASE BECAUSE THE JURY, THE JURORS KNEW THAT MR. LOWE'S CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED IN 1990 AND-- WELL, THEY KNEW HE'D BEEN ON DEATH ROW, AND THEY WERE ASKED AND TOLD BY THE STATE ATTORNEY AT THE TRIAL THAT, YES, HE COULD GET CREDIT FOR THE TIME HE'D SERVED. SO IT'S REALLY A CRITICAL ISSUE TO THE JURY. ABOUT WHETHER HE'D BE VIOLENT IN THE FUTURE. >> WELL, I WAS READING THE ARGUMENT THERE, AND I'M REALLY KIND OF PUZZLED AS TO WHY IT WOULD BE SUCH A CRITICAL ISSUE CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT IN A DEATH PENALTY CASE, FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CASE I SHOULD SAY, THERE'S REALLY ONLY TWO OPTIONS. ONE IS THAT THE DEATH PENALTY WOULD BE IMPOSED OR A LIFE SENTENCE WOULD BE IMPOSED. AND SO WAS THIS A CASE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER 25 YEARS-->> YES. >>-- OR 50-->> 25. IT WAS, IT USED TO BE-->> SEEMS TO ME, HE'S GOING TO BE IN JAIL. WHAT DID HE GET FOR THE ATTEMPTED ROBBERY? >> HE GOT 15 YEARS CONSECUTIVE, AND THE DEFENSE WASN'T PERMITTED TO TELL THE JURY THAT. THAT'S ANOTHER-->> OKAY. SO WHAT-- I GUESS MY REAL QUESTION IS WHAT REAL IMPACT WOULD THE FACT THAT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BE DANGEROUS IN THE FUTURE REALLY MAKE SINCE HE'S GOING TO BE IN JAIL POSSIBLY--PROBABLY IN PRISON FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE? >> WELL, FIRST, I DON'T THINK JURORS THINK THAT. I THINK JURORS THINK THAT AFTER

THE 25 YEARS THERE'S THIS LIBERAL PAROLE BOARD UP THERE THAT'S GOING TO RELEASE THEM. THAT'S WHAT JURORS THINK. >> HE HAD A CONSECUTIVE 50-YEAR SENTENCE. >> 15. BUT THE JURORS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO HEAR THAT. THE JUDGE ISSUED AN ORDER SAYING THE DEFENSE COULD NOT TALK ABOUT THE 15-YEAR CONSECUTIVE, AND ALSO THE DEFENSE COULD NOT PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT NO ONE WHO'S EVER HAD A SENTENCE OF DEATH REDUCED TO LIFE WITH A MANDATORY QUARTER HAS EVER BEEN RELEASED ON PAROLE IN FLORIDA. THE DEFENSE WASN'T PERMITTED TO PRESENT THAT. JURORS REALLY THINK END OF 25 YEARS, THAT'S IT. HE'S OUT. AND THAT'S, THAT'S WHY THE FUTURE DANGEROUSNESS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT. BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT IF WE RELEASE, IF WE GIVE LIFE NOW, I THINK THIS WAS, LIKE, THREE YEARS AGO, RIGHT? WE'RE AT THE 25-YEAR MARK NOW. THEY'RE THINKING THAT HE'S JUST GOING TO BE OUT IN THREE YEARS. BUT WHAT HAPPENED WAS THE DEFENSE WAS PERMITTED TO PRESENT PART OF THE ISSUE OF WHETHER MR. LOWE WOULD BE VIOLENT IN THE FUTURE AND WAS PRECLUDED BECAUSE OF A DISCOVERY VIOLATION FROM PRESENTING THINK OF THE UNDERLYING DATA OR TESTING. THE-->> THIS IS THE ISSUE WHERE THE PERSON WHO'S TESTIFYING, I GUESS THE EXPERT, HAD-- THE STATE KNEW ABOUT HIM, HAD DEPOSED HIM? >> YES. >> HAD HIS REPORT AND THEN JUST PRIOR TO HIS TESTIMONY HE ADDS SOMETHING ELSE THAT HAD NOT BEEN DISCLOSED. >> RIGHT. THAT'S TRUE. SOMETIME AFTER THE DEPOSITION THE DOCTOR ACTUALLY GOT THE

VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT OUT AND SCORED IT, MR. LOWE ON IT, AND HE WAS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY THAT IN HIS OPINION THERE WOULD BE A LOW RISK OF REOFFENDING PRIMARILY ONE OF THE MAJOR FACTORS BEING HIS AGE AT THE TIME. BUT HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO TESTIFY BECAUSE THE STATE OBJECTED SAYING THEY DIDN'T GET THIS PART OF THE REPORT. HE WASN'T PERMITTED TO TESTIFY ABOUT ANY OF THE STATISTICAL DATA THAT BACKS UP THAT RISK ASSESSMENT OR THE TESTING DATA FROM WHAT HE COMPLETED ON THE FORM. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, HE COULD GIVE HIS OPINION, BUT HE COULDN'T SAY, LOOK, THERE'S STUDIES TO BACK THIS UP THAT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAD THIS, THIS AND THIS FACTOR, YOU'RE LESS LIKELY TO BE VIOLENT IN THE FUTURE. THE COURT-- THE STATE SAID THAT IT HADN'T CALLED ITS, IT ACTUALLY HAD AN EXPERT RETAINED ON THAT ISSUE, BUT THE EXPERT WAS IN GEORGIA AND THEY HADN'T BROUGHT HIM DOWN BECAUSE IT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THIS PART OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT. THE JUDGE DID NOT EVEN CONSIDER-- I MEAN, HOW FAR IS GEORGIA? YOU KNOW, CONTINUING THE CASE FOR A TODAY OR SO FOR THE EXPERT TO GET DOWN THERE? >> IS THAT WHAT THE DEFENSE ASKED FOR? >> NO. THE DEFENSE ASKED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE TESTIMONY. >> NO, NO. DID HE ASK FOR-->> I DON'T RECALL-->>-- A CONTINUANCE SO THAT THE STATE COULD EXPLORE THIS NEW EVIDENCE? >> I DON'T RECALL ANYTHING BEING DISCUSSED. >> A REMEDY AS OPPOSED TO

DENYING HIM TESTIFYING ON THAT SMALL PORTION? >> I-- WELL-- I DON'T RECALL THEM ASKING. >> [INAUDIBLE] >> I DON'T RECALL THE ISSUE OF A CONTINUANCE BEING DISCUSSED, BUT IT'S THE JUDGE'S OBLIGATION. I MEAN, THE LAW IS WHEN YOU'RE TRYING, WHEN YOU'RE EXCLUDING DEFENSE EVIDENCE, THAT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. A MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. AND THAT EVERY POSSIBLE REMEDY SHORT OF THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FIRST. AND THE JUDGE DIDN'T CONSIDER ANY OTHER REMEDIES, JUST SAID IT'S NOT WILLFUL, BUT IT WAS SUBSTANTIAL. AND JUST SORT OF, BOOM, YOU CAN'T TESTIFY TO THAT. >> YOU'RE DEEP INTO YOUR **REBUTTAL**. LIKE, YOU'VE GOT 30 SECONDS LEFT. >> ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO RESERVE THE REST OF MY TIME. >> I'LL GIVE YOU TWO MORE MINUTES OF REBUTTAL. >> GOOD MORNING. MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT, LESLIE CAMPBELL WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE. STARTING WITH DR. REIFSTECK TO CONTINUE-->> WHAT? STARTING WITH WHAT? >> REIFSTECK, THE GENTLEMAN, THE EXPERT WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT? THERE WERE TWO ISSUES. NOT ONLY THE DISCOVERY VIOLATION, BUT THE STATE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS PRECLUDED FROM TESTING THIS EVALUATION, ALL THE STATISTICS UNDER FRY. SO IT WASN'T JUST THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A CONTINUANCE OF SOMETHING ELSE OFFERED WHICH WAS NOT REQUESTED BY THE DEFENSE. THERE WERE OTHER MATTERS THAT WERE CONCERNED.

BUT BOTTOM LINE IS THE EXPERT WAS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY TO HIS ULTIMATE CONCLUSION WHICH WAS THAT MR. LOWE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A FUTURE DANGER IN PRISON. >> YEAH, BUT, YOU KNOW, TESTIFYING TO THAT IS -- THAT STATEMENT IS ONE THING, BUT BACKING IT UP WITH SOME KIND OF DATA, I MEAN, REALLY WOULD BE IMPORTANT, IT SEEMS TO ME, TO EXPLAIN TO THE JURY WHY THE EXPERT BELIEVES HE WOULD NOT BE A FUTURE DANGER. >> WELL, NOT ONLY DID THE DEFENSE PUT ON THIS EXPERT, BUT IT ALSO PUT ON I BELIEVE IT WAS THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN WITH MR. LOWE IN JAIL WHO HAD EITHER BEEN CORRECTION OFFICERS OR HAD COUNSELED HIM, AND EVERYTHING WAS THAT HE HAD EITHER MINOR VIOLATIONS EARLY IN HIS CAREER BUT THAT HE, HE WAS A GOOD PRISONER. SO IT WASN'T JUST THIS EXPERT TESTIFYING, OH, I LOOKED AT SOME STATISTICS AND, THEREFORE, HE WOULDN'T BE A FUTURE DANGER, BUT THERE WAS EVIDENCE BACKING IT UP. SO ALL TOTALED, THE JURY DID HAVE A PICTURE OF MR. LOWE AS FAR AS THAT ISSUE. AND THE TRIAL COURT DID FIND THAT MITIGATOR. SO IF THERE WAS ANY ERROR, WHICH THE STATE SUBMITS THAT THERE WAS NOT, IT WAS HARMLESS BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. WITH REGARD TO THE EDMOND TYSON, THIS COURT DID NOT REMAND FOR AN EDMOND TYSON EVALUATION. IT REMANDED BECAUSE IT FOUND INEFFECTIVE-- IT DID NOT FIND INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL IN THE GUILT PHASE BECAUSE THERE WAS THE GENERAL VERDICT, AND MR. LOWE WAS CLEARLY INVOLVED IN THIS ROBBERY/HOMICIDE. IT DID REMAND FOR EVALUATION OF THE PENALTY PHASE GIVING TWO MITIGATORS, THAT THIS NEW TESTIMONY COULD GO TO THE TWO

MITIGATORS OF A SUBSTANTIAL DOMINATION OF ANOTHER AND ALSO THE MITIGATOR OF MINOR PARTICIPANT. AND THAT WAS WELL LITIGATED DURING THE TRIAL. THERE WERE SEVERAL WITNESSES THAT TESTIFIED TO THAT. THE TWO MAIN WITNESSES WERE LISA GROENIG MILLER AND ALSO BEN CARTER. HOWEVER, BOTH WERE THOROUGHLY IMPEACHED-->> [INAUDIBLE] THEIR TESTIMONY? >> THAT AT A PARTICULAR EVENT SOMETIME AFTER, I THINK IT WAS '92, '93, SOMETIME AFTER THE MURDER MR. BLACKMAN HAD BOASTED AND USED IN A THREATENING MANNER ALMOST TO BULLY OTHERS, TO THREATEN OTHERS THAT I'VE KILLED SOME OTHER WOMAN, AND I CAN DO IT AGAIN. SO IN OTHER WORDS, BACK OFF, LET ME-->> WAS THIS AFTER MR. LOWE'S TRIAL? >> YES. MR. LOWE WAS ALREADY IN PRISON. HOWEVER, MR. CARTER SAID THAT IT WAS AS A BULLYING TACTIC. MR. CARTER ALSO WAS THE PERSON THAT FIRST CAME FORWARD TO THE POLICE TO SAY THAT HE OVERHEARD MR. LOWE TELL MR. BLACKMAN THAT MR. LOWE HAD COMMITTED THE ROBBERY, THAT THE THREE INITIAL COMPADRES -- MR. BLACKMAN, MR. SAILOR AND MR. LOWE-- HAD CASED THE NEW PACK BUT THAT MR. LOWE HAD, WHEN THEY WERE APART, HAD GONE HIMSELF TO COMMIT THIS MURDER. SO WHAT WE HAVE IS WE HAVE THE JURY HEARING THIS TESTIMONY THAT MR. LOWE, EXCUSE ME, THAT MR. BLACKMAN HAD USED NOT NECESSARILY THE NEW PACK, BUT THAT HE HAD KILLED A WOMAN IN THE PAST AND COULD DO IT AGAIN, AND WE HAVE THAT TESTIMONY BEING IMPEACHED AS FAR AS THE VALUE OF IT WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW PACK MURDER.

>> BUT YOU HAVE THE PROSECUTOR WHO'S ARGUING THAT MR. LOWE WAS THE SHOOTER AND THAT HE WAS THE ONLY PARTICIPANT IN THIS ROBBERY/MURDER. YOU HAVE MR. LOWE WHO HAS PRESENTED THESE WITNESSES WHO ARE SAYING THAT MR. BLACKMAN WAS THE SHOOTER. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WENT INTO WHETHER OR NOT MR. LOWE WAS THE DRIVER OR NOT. BUT, SO YOU HAVE THESE TWO, YOU KNOW, SORT OF OPPOSITE ARGUMENTS BEING MADE HERE, AND SO WHY WOULDN'T UNDER THE PEREZ CASE, WHY SHOULDN'T AN INSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN GIVEN-->> WELL, WE ALSO HAVE A THIRD PARTY INVOLVED. WE HAVE MR. SAILOR. AND WE HAVE MR. LOWE IN HIS CONFESSION ALWAYS POINTING TO MR. SAILOR AS THE ONE WHO PULLED THE TRIGGER. SO IT-->> BUT-->> MR. LOWE'S NOT EVEN CONSISTENT. >> IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE DYNAMICS OF WHAT WENT ON AT RESENTENCING. AT THE RESENTENCING WE HAVE THE STATE ARGUING HE WAS THE LONE SHOOTER, WE HAVE THE DEFENDANT ARGUING THAT SOMEONE ELSE WAS THE ACTUAL SHOOTER, AND SO--AND THAT, YOU KNOW, HE WAS IN THE CAR AS THE GETAWAY DRIVER. SO WHY SHOULDN'T AN EDMOND TYSON INSTRUCTION HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES? >> IT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN, IT IS NOT FUNDAMENTAL ERROR. WE'RE HERE ON A TRIAL COURT ERROR, AND THE TRIAL COURT SPECIFICALLY ASKED US, AS THIS COURT HAS POINTED OUT, AND THE DEFENSE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED AFTER TAKING THE EVENING TO CONSIDER IT, BUT IT'S NOT FUNDAMENTAL ERROR BECAUSE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE, CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE

OTHER THAN MR. LOWE COMMITTED THIS ROBBERY AND HOMICIDE. MR. LOWE'S FINGERPRINTS ARE IN THERE, MR.-- ON THE HAMBURGER WRAPPER THAT WAS IN THE MICROWAVE. WE HAVE MR. LUETKE SAYING HE CAME UPON THE SCENE JUST AS MR.-- A BLACK MALE IS EXITING. THAT BLACK MALE'S DESCRIPTION MATCHES MR. LOWE. HE ALSO SAYS THERE IS A WHITE CAR THAT MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION OF PAT WHITE'S CAR, THAT'S MR. LOWE'S GIRLFRIEND, THAT THERE WAS NO ONE IN THAT CAR, THAT-->> BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT THE DEFENSE DID PRESENT EVIDENCE OF OTHERS BEING INVOLVED. YOU'RE GOING THROUGH THE EVIDENCE FAVORABLE TO THE STATE, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WAS THERE NOT EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY? >> THERE WAS EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY THAT-->> WELL, THAT'S WHAT, AGAIN, WE'RE NOT HERE NOW TO ACT AS A JURY. OUR QUESTION IS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE'S ASKING, IS WHY WOULD YOU, WHY WOULD ONE NOT GIVE A JURY INSTRUCTION IF THAT EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED, IF THAT'S WHY THE CASE WAS SENT BACK TO BEGIN WITH, AT LEAST SOME JURY INSTRUCTION TOUCHING UPON WHAT YOU DO WITH OR WHAT A JURY SHOULD DO WITH WHATEVER THEY FIND-->> AND THEY HAVE-->>-- WITH THAT EVIDENCE? >> AND THEY HAD AN INSTRUCTION-->> OKAY. >>-- ON NOT EDMOND TYSON, BUT ON THE MINOR PARTICIPANT. THEY WERE GIVEN THAT INSTRUCTION. >> OKAY. >> THE TRIAL COURT MADE FINDINGS ON THAT INSTRUCTION AND FOUND THAT MR. LOWE WAS THE ONLY PERSON.

THE TRIAL COURT ALSO MADE FINDINGS ON THE TESTIMONY OF MR., THAT MR. BLACKMAN HAD MADE THESE THREATS THAT HE HAD KILLED SOMEONE BEFORE, BUT THAT WASN'T CREDIBLE TESTIMONY. SO WHAT WE ARE LEFT HERE WITH IS THE DEFENSE COME SAYING I DO NOT WANT THAT INSTRUCTION, AND THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE FACT THAT MR. LOWE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO COMMITTED THE MURDER AND, THEREFORE, THERE IS NO FUNDAMENTAL ERROR HERE. AND THAT WOULD BE THE STANDARD. BECAUSE, AGAIN, DEFENSE COUNSEL SAID HE DID NOT WANT THE INSTRUCTION. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS, THEN THE ONLY ISSUE LEFT IS THE COMMUNITY CONTROL ISSUE. AND-- AND-->> COULD YOU, I MAY HAVE MISSED IT. DID YOU ADDRESS THEIR BEING PRECLUDED FROM CONSIDERING HE HAD A 15-YEAR CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE? >> I DID NOT, BUT THE TRIAL COURT, THE ISSUE CAME UP IN THE, IN VOIR DIRE. THE TRIAL COURT ADDRESSED IT BY SAYING, LOOK, THIS IS, THIS IS THE SORT OF SENTENCE THAT HE COULD GET. IT'S SPECULATIVE, AND YOU'RE NOT TO CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AFTER. THE TRIAL-->> BUT THIS, I DON'T UNDERSTAND, HOW IS IT IF HE HAS A 15-YEAR CONSECUTIVE SENTENCE-- 50. >> 15, 1-5. >> WHY IS THAT? AT LEAST TO THAT PART, THERE'S NOTHING SPECULATIVE ABOUT THAT. >> WELL, IT'S SPECULATIVE AS TO WHEN THAT KICKS IN. IS IT CONSECUTIVE TO THE EXISTING SENTENCE. IT'S CONSECUTIVE TO THE DEATH SENTENCE. IF HE GETS LIFE, IT'S SPECULATIVE AGAINST WHETHER -->> FIT THAT A LEGAL DETERMINE

DETERMINATION? >> I GUESS WHERE THESE CASES RESENTENCING OVER SOME YEARS AND STILL BOUND IN 25 YEARS AS MR. MALONE SAYS, NOBODY GETS OUT. THAT YEARS AT ALL, THAT THE CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, OTHERWISE WOULD BE A DEATH SENTENCE. FOR JURY TO HAVE ANY DOUBT THAT THIS GUY MAY GET IT AFTER 25 YEARS, CERTAINLY MILITATES WANTING TO GIVE HIM, YOU KNOW, THE ALTERNATIVE. THAT IS ALWAYS CONCERNED ME. WITH THESE, YOU KNOW, RESENTENCING WITH THE 25 YEARS. THAT THE JURY DOES THINK WHAT MR. MALONE SAYS. >> HOWEVER, THIS COURT HAS CONSISTENTLY SAID, THAT WE ONLY INSTRUCT THE JURY THAT IT IS A LIFE SENTENCE WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF, AFTER 25 YEARS. WE DO NOT GO BEYOND AS TO WILL HE GET OUT, MIGHT HE GET OUT? IT IS, THE JURY IS INSTRUCTED PROPERLY WHEN IT IS TOLD WHAT THE POSSIBLE SENTENCE IS. THERE IS NO REASON TO GO BEYOND THAT PAUSE IT IS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL OF THE JURY. BEYOND CONTROL OF COURT. >> WERE THEY TOLD HE WOULD GET CREDIT FOR TIME HE HAD ALREADY SPENT IN PRISON? >> YES. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THAT WAS IN VOIR DIRE. >> WAS THAT IS CONCLUSORY, CREDIT AGAINST WHAT? THAT WOULD USUALLY SAY, AGAINST THE 25 YEARS, RIGHT? >> YES. >> SO THEY WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE. WHICH RAISES THE SPECTER THIS GUY WILL BE WALKING THE STREETS IN ANOTHER YEAR. >> THE JURY WAS TOLD IT WASN'T TO CONSIDER THAT. AND THE JURY IS PRESUMED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE

COURT. THAT THE FACT THAT ANOTHER ENTITY, ANOTHER AGENCY WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION DOES NOT ENTER INTO THE FACTOR THAT THE JURY, THAT THE JURY, THE FACTORS THAT THE JURY IS TO CONSIDER, WHICH ARE, MITIGATION, AGGRAVATION, AND THE WAY OF THOSE. THOSE ARE THE FACTORS THAT YOU CAN BE CONSIDERED. THAT IS WHAT THE JURY WAS INSTRUCTED ON. IT IS AGAIN PRESUMED THAT THEY FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. AND THEN, THE, THE LAST ISSUE, AGAIN IS, THAT, THE COMMUNITY CONTROL. THE, THE INTENT OF THAT AGGRAVATOR IS TO, IS AN AGGRAVATION OF THE CASE WHEN SOMEBODY IS UNDER SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT AND THAT HAS NOW BEEN DEFINED ON PROBATION. ACTUALLY IN PRISON, OR ON COMMUNITY CONTROL. SO WHETHER IT'S IN A COMMUNITY CONTROL PROGRAM, OR IT IS ON COMMUNITY CONTROL, THAT IS A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A DIFFERENCE. MOREOVER, MR. LOWE WAS CONVICTED AS AN ADULT. WE'RE NOT TALKING JUVENILE CONVICTION. WHILE HE WAS GIVEN A YOUTHFUL SENTENCE, YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SENTENCE HE WAS CONVICTED AS AN ADULT. THAT AGGRAVATOR APPLIES. THE INSTRUCTION WAS PROPER. IT IS SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE AND IT WAS PROPERLY FOUND BY THE COURT. EVEN IF THAT IS STRICKEN, THERE STILL ARE THE PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY AGGRAVATOR. THE, DURING THE COURSE OF THE FELONY, COMBINED WITH PECUNIARY GAIN AND AVOID ARREST. >> WHAT WAS, THE PRIOR VIOLENT FELONY WAS WHAT? >> THE BURGLARY, BURGLARY OF THAT CAR, HE HAD A PRIOR.

>> WHERE DID IT BECOME VIOLENT? >> BECAUSE HE HELD A SHARP, PLASTIC, INSTRUMENT PIECE OF PLASTIC TO THE VICTIM'S NECK. TOLD HIM TO GET OUT OF THE CAR. >> HE WAS UNDER YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SENTENCE THEN? >> HE WAS 17 AT THE TIME HE COMMITTED THAT BURGLARY, ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. >> HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE COMMITTED THIS CRIME? >> 20. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS I ASK THE COURT TO AFFIRM THE FINDING OF DEATH AND DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED. THANK YOU. >> GIVE YOU TWO MINUTES. >> IN TERMS OF THE EVIDENCE ON THE COMPETING THEORIES I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THE CIVILIAN WITNESS, MR. LUEDEKE, WAS UNABLE, DID NOT PICK OUT MR. LOWE FROM A PHOTO DISPLAY. ON ISSUE OF-->> BUT MR. LOWE, THE DESCRIPTION WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THE FACIAL HAIR AND, WASN'T IT AND THAT MR. LOWE, OF THE THREE OF THEM, OF LOWE, BLACKMON AND SAILOR, POSSIBLY MET THE DESCRIPTION AND NOT OTHER TWO, IS THAT THE RECORD? >> THE STATE-->> IS THAT WHAT THE RECORD DEMONSTRATES. I DON'T THINK IT DEMONSTRATES THAT. I'M NOT SURE-->> MR. LOWE, THE DESCRIPTION THAT WAS GIVEN OF THE PERPETRATOR FIT MR. LOWE AND NOT THE OTHER TWO? >> WELL, IN GENERAL, YOU KNOW. THE GUY WALKING OUT OF THE STORE WITH A-->> THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. THAT DESCRIPTION, MR. LOWE, BUT THE OTHER TWO, IS THAT CORRECT? >> I, NO. I DON'T THINK THAT'S TOTALLY CORRECT. I THAT THE DESCRIPTION IS SO VAGUE YOU CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT.

>> WHAT WAS THE DEFENSE'S THEORY ABOUT THE FINGERPRINT ON--HAMBURGER WRAPPER? >> YEAH. I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT THE LAW IS. IT IS A MOVEABLE OBJECT. MAYBE HE HAD BEEN IN THERE BEFORE. >> LEFT IT IN THE MICROWAVE? >> WELL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO TOUCH IT AT THAT MOMENT TO HAVE YOUR PRINT ON IT. IT COULD HAVE BEEN TOUCHED AT SOME OTHER TIME. LAW IS FAIRLY CLEAR ON A MOVEABLE OBJECT BUT GOING BACK TO THE INABILITY OF THE JURY TO, OR THE JURY'S EXPOSURE TO THE CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED, AND, AND DEFENSE'S INABILITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE, THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONSECUTIVE 15-YEAR SENTENCE, THE STATE'S ARGUING NOW, NOT SOMETHING FOR THE JURY TO CONSIDER. WHEN THEY GOT UP IN FRONT OF THE JURY AT PENALTY PHASE, IT SAID MR. LOWE HAS BEEN ON, SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT ON DEATH ROW SINCE 1990. NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN THE LAST 20 YEARS. NOT AS IF THE STATE-- THE STATE MADE A BIG DEAL OF IT AT PENALTY PHASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M GOING TO ASK THE COURT TO EITHER REDUCE THE SENTENCE TO LIFE OR REVERSE FOR ARGUMENTS. >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR ARGUMENTS. THE COURT IS IN RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES.