APPENDIX A

1 2 3	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CRIMINAL DIVISION
4	STATE OF FLORIDA,
5	Plaintiff, Case No.: 98-17084
6	vs.
7	WILLIE CRAIN,) Division: "G"
8	Defendant.
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11	JURY TRIAL SECOND PHASE (VOL. XXIII)
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13	BEFORE: THE HONORABLE BARBARA FLEISCHER
14	Circuit Judge
15	TAKEN AT: Courtroom No. 14
16	Hillsborough County Courthouse Annex,
17	Tampa, Florida.
18	DATE: September 17, 1999
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1 jury in, please. 2 THE BAILIFF: Yes, ma'am. THE COURT: Hold up. L.A, one 3 minute, I'm sorry. Now you folks who are 4 in here now, I am going to be reading 5 6 these jurors instructions. 7 It's disconcerting for people to be coming and going; so if you don't wanna remain, I urge you to leave at this time. 9 Otherwise, I ask that you remain until I 10 complete the instructions, okay? 11 Thank 12 you. Bring the jury in, please. 13 (Thereupon, the jurors enter 14 the courtroom at 11:41) 15 JURY CHARGE 16 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen 17 of the jury, it is now your duty to advise 18 the Court as to what punishment should be imposed upon the defendant for his crime 19 of Murder in the First Degree. 20 21 As you have been told, the final 22 decision as to what punishment shall be 23 imposed, is my responsibility. However, your advisory sentence as to what sentence 24 should be imposed on the defendant, is 25 ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

entitled by law and will be given great weight by this Court in determining what sentence to impose in this case.

It is only under rare circumstances that this Court could impose a sentence other than what you recommend. It is your duty to follow the law that I will now give you, and render to me an advisory sentence based upon your determination as to whether sufficient aggravating circumstances exist to justify the imposition of the death penalty; or whether sufficient mitigating circumstances exist to outweigh any aggravating circumstances found to exist.

Your advisory sentence should be based upon the evidence that you have heard while trying the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and evidence that has been presented to you in these proceedings.

The aggravating circumstances that you may consider are limited to any one of the following that are established by the evidence:

That, one, the defendant has been previously convicted of a felony involving the use of threat of violence to some person.

Excuse me, I'll read that again.

The defendant has been previously convicted of a felony involving the use or threat of violence to some person.

The crime of Sexual Battery is a felony involving the use or threat of violence to another person. The crime of Aggravated Child Abuse is a felony involving the use or threat of violence to another person.

Two, the crime for which the defendant is to be sentenced, was committed while he was engaged in the commission of or an attempt to commit Kidnapping.

And, three, the victim of the capital felony was a person less than 12 years of age. The State may not rely upon a single aspect of the offense to establish more than one aggravating circumstance.

Therefore, if you find that two or more of the aggravating circumstances are proven beyond a reasonable doubt by a single aspect of the offense, you are to consider that as supporting only one aggravating circumstance.

If you find the aggravating circumstances do not justify the death penalty, your advisory sentence should be one of life imprisonment.

Should you find sufficient aggravating circumstances do exist, it will then be your duty to determine whether mitigating circumstances exist that outweigh the aggravating circumstances.

Among the mitigating circumstances you may consider, if established by the evidence, are: One, the crime for which the defendant is to be sentenced, was committed while he was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance.

Two, the capacity of the defendant to appreciate the criminality of ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law, was substantially impaired.

Three, any one of the following circumstances that would mitigate against the imposition of the death penalty: Any other aspect of the defendant's character, record or background; any other circumstance of the offense.

Each aggravating circumstance must be established beyond a reasonable doubt before it may be considered by you in arriving at your decision.

If one or more aggravating circumstances are established, you should consider all the evidence tending to establish one or more mitigating circumstances and give that evidence such weight as you feel it should receive in reaching your conclusion as to the sentence that should be imposed.

A mitigating circumstance need not be proved beyond a reasonable doubt by the defendant. If you are reasonably convinced that a mitigating circumstance

exists, you may consider it as established.

The sentence that you recommend to the Court must be based upon the facts as you find them from the evidence and the law.

You should weigh the aggravating circumstances against the mitigating circumstances, and your advisory sentence must be based on these considerations.

You have heard evidence about the impact of this homicide on the family of the victim. This evidence may be considered by you to determine the victim's uniqueness as an individual human being, and the resultant loss to the community by the victim's death.

However, the law does not allow you to weigh this evidence as an aggravating circumstance. Your recommendation to the Court must be based only on the aggravating circumstances and the mitigating circumstances about which I have instructed you.

In these proceedings, it is not ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

necessary that the advisory sentence of the jury be unanimous. The fact that the determination of whether you recommend a sentence of death or a sentence of life imprisonment in this case can be reached by a single ballot should not influence you to act hastily or without due regard to the -- excuse me -- without due regard to the gravity of these proceedings.

Before you ballot, you should carefully weigh, sift and consider the evidence, and all of it, realizing that human life is at stake, and bring to bear your best judgment in reaching your advisory sentence.

If a majority of the jury determines that Willie Seth Crain should be sentenced to death, your advisory sentence will be: "A majority of the jury, by a vote of whatever the vote is, advise and recommend to the Court that it impose the death penalty upon Willie Seth Crain."

On the other hand, if by six or more votes the jury determines that Willie ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 Seth Crain should not be sentenced to 2 death, your advisory sentence will be: 3 "The jury advises and recommends to the Court that it impose a sentence of life 4 5 imprisonment upon Willie Seth Crain 6 without the possibility of parole." 7 You may be polled at the end of this part of the trial as you were at the 8 end of the first phase of the trial. 9 will not be asked to disclose your 10 individual vote; you will only be asked to 11 12 confirm the jury recommendation. 13 You will now retire to consider 14 your recommendation. When you have reached an advisory sentence in conformity 15 16 with these instructions, that form of recommendation should be signed by your 17 18 foreperson and returned to the Court. 19 there anything further before I excuse the 20 alternates? 21 MR. PRUNER: No, ma'am. MR. TRAINA: No, Judge. 22 23 THE COURT: Now, Mr. Smith; Mr. 24 Vanatta; Ms. Jason; Mr. Williams and 25 Ms. Regalla, I'm gonna ask again that you ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

remain, um, with us briefly, so that I can talk with you briefly.

You, obviously, are all aware that you are the alternates in this -- in this case. And I know that you were more than willing to step in, if need be; and I do have some other comments to make to you, so I ask, again, that, um, you remain with us.

I would ask that the bailiff take the jury into the jury room. Just so the record's clear, the alternate advisory sentence forms will be given to you obviously, as will the instructions that I have just read to you.

Also all of the evidence, not only from this phase of the trial, but from the first phase of the trial, will be placed in the jury room if you want to look at it. Take the jury out, please.

> (Thereupon, the jury leaves the courtroom at 11:52)

THE COURT: Now I wanna say something to you, because I've been around a long time. Um, you folks have been

1 extraordinary and I wanted to say that to 2 you. 3 I realize that I am very demanding; I don't think there's anybody 5 presently in the courtroom who would disagree. Um, I haven't heard a thing.

> And I understand that; um, and I'm not saying that that's necessarily good, but I know myself well enough to know that.

You have put up with all of the restrictions and the demands that, um, I've put on you. And I do want you to know that, um, you have, again, gone way out of your way, I think, um, to be here on time, to put up with delays that could be foreseen, such as holidays that extended this trial, and some of the delays that could not be foreseen, such as the threat of a hurricane.

Um, and I -- I want you to know that, um, I speak on behalf of the State and the defense and -- and, certainly, myself that, um, you have more than done your jury service.

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I hope that as you reflect on that service, for the most part, it will be a positive experience and I do hope that you will come back if called upon and serve again.

Um, I'm going to lift all of the restrictions, obviously. Um, there are people probably who would like to speak with you.

It is up to you to decide whether you wish to speak with anybody or whether you don't wish to speak with anybody.

I'm going to, um, suggest that, um, those of you who want to speak or don't mind speaking with somebody, can certainly do that.

If you wish to remain in the courtroom and await the -- the, um, jury's decision, you, certainly, can do that.

And if you'll remain, actually a lunch has been ordered for you and -- and you can have that lunch.

If you do not want to speak to anybody, um, I'm gonna ask the bailiff to ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 make sure that nobody does speak with 2 these folks. 3 And if you want to speak with 4 somebody, as I indicated to you a few minutes ago, you can read what you want, 5 6 you can talk with anybody, you can do anything that you like, um, about this 7 case or anything else at this point. 8 9 If you don't want to remain and 10 await the jury's decision, but you're interested in what that decision is, um, 11 12 the bailiff will make sure you have my --13 my phone number. 14 And if you wish not to remain 15 and want to be escorted to your car, a bailiff will make that arrangement as 16 17 well, okay? 18 So you folks can decide how 19 you -- how you want to do this; and, 20 again, I thank you, and you're excused. 21 Mr. Smith, you had a question? 22 MR. SMITH: Where do we remain? 23 THE COURT: You can remain right 24 here, you can remain outside, you can 25 remain wherever -- wherever you're ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 comfortable; there's no reason why you cannot remain in the courtroom, certainly. 2 3 Um --4 (Thereupon, the jury's recommendation 5 was awaited) 6 THE COURT: Charlotte, do you 7 wanna get the people out of that anthem -antiway (phonetic). 9 THE BAILIFF: Yes, ma'am. 10 THE COURT: Thank you. Okay. 11 Now I need your attention for a moment, 12 please. I've asked you who've been in 13 this courtroom throughout the course of 14 the trial, to, please, not show any 15 reaction whatsoever to anything that has 16 been said by a witness or by an attorney; and you have all done as this Court has 17 18 asked. 19 I realize, again, that this is a very difficult time for many of you 20 21 because of your concerns either for the 22 victim, or for the defendant, or for that 23 matter, both. 24 And I realize that it's very 25 difficult to control your emotions in this ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

setting, but I am asking you once again if you do not feel that you can control yourself when you hear this jury's recommendation, then I want you to leave the courtroom now.

If you find that you had thought that you could control yourself, but cannot, then I want you to pick yourself up and leave the courtroom.

These jurors have worked long and hard to reach whatever decision they will have reached and I do not want them to feel in any way any criticism of their recommendation.

Does anybody not understand what I have said? Okay. Thank you. I would ask one final thing. If you have any beepers or telephones, please doublecheck and make sure that those beepers and telephones are turned off.

And I'd ask the bailiffs if there are people coming in during this -- and you can let them come in -- if there are people coming in, I want them asked --

THE BAILIFF: Yes, ma'am.

1 THE COURT: -- specifically if 2 they have a beeper or a telephone and, please, to check and make sure that it's 3 Thanks. Okay. Bring the jury in, 4 off. 5 please. 6 (Thereupon, the jurors enter 7 the courtroom at 1:37) 8 THE JURY'S RECOMMENDATION 9 THE COURT: Ms. Cardone, without telling me what your recommendation is, 10 have you, in fact, reached an advisory 11 12 recommendation for the Court? 13 THE FOREPERSON: Yes, your 14 Honor. THE COURT: I would ask that you 15 hand that recommendation, please, to the 16 17 bailiff. 18 (Thereupon, the foreperson complies) 19 THE COURT: Thanks. Publish the 20 recommendation, please. 21 THE CLERK: State of Florida 22 versus Willie Seth Crain. Advisory sentence. The majority of the jury, by a 23 vote of 12 to zero, advise and recommend 24 25 to the Court that it impose the death ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 penalty upon Willie Seth Crain, dated at 2 Tampa Hillsborough County Florida, the 17th day of September, 1999, signed by the 3 4 foreperson of the jury, Sharon Cardone. Is there anything 5 THE COURT: 6 further from the State or the defense at this time? 7 8 MR. PRUNER: No, ma'am. MR. TRAINA: Judge, could you 9 ask that the jury be polled, please? 10 11 THE COURT: Yes. Members of the 12 jury, I am going to ask each of you 13 individually about the advisory sentence. It's not necessary that you state how you 14 personally voted, or how any other person 15 voted, but only if the advisory sentence 16 as read was correctly stated. 17 Mr. Bechtold, do you agree and 18 confirm that a majority of the jury joined 19 20 in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk? 21 22 MR. BECHTOLD: THE COURT: Mr. Samson? 23 MR. SAMSON: Yes? 24 25 THE COURT: Do you agree and

confirm -- I have to -- I have to finish 1 this, okay? I know you're about to say, 3 "yes", but I need to finish it so that the record is clear. 5 Mr. Samson, do you agree and 6 confirm that a majority of the jury joined 7 in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk? 8 9 MR. SAMSON: Yes. 10 THE COURT: Mr. Krotzer, do you 11 agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that 12 13 you have just heard read by the clerk? 14 MR. KROTZER: Yes. 15 THE COURT: Mr. Finnicum, do 16 agree and confirm that a majority of the 17 jury joined in the advisory sentence that 18 you have just heard read by the clerk? 19 MR. FINNICUM: Yes. 20 THE COURT: Mr. Riedl, do you 21 agree and confirm that a majority of the 22 jury joined in the advisory sentence that 23 you have just heard read by the clerk? 24 MR. RIEDL: Yes. 25 THE COURT: Mr. Dougherty, do ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

you agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

THE COURT: Ms. Schramer, do you agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk?

MS. SCHRAMER: Yes.

THE COURT: Mr. Ochenrider, do you agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk?

MR. OCHENRIDER: Yes.

THE COURT: Ms. Dagata, do you agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk?

MS. DAGATA: Yes.

THE COURT: Ms. Crawford, do you agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk?

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes. 2 THE COURT: Ms. Cardone, do you 3 agree and confirm that a majority of the jury joined in the advisory sentence that 4 you have just heard read by the clerk? 5 6 MS. CARDONE: Yes. 7 THE COURT: Ms. Oliver, do you agree and confirm that a majority of the 9 jury joined in the advisory sentence that you have just heard read by the clerk? 10 11 MS. OLIVER: Yes. 12 THE COURT: Thank you. Is there 13 anything further from the State or the 14 defense at this time? MR. PRUNER: No, ma'am. 15 16 MR. TRAINA: No, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Now, members of the 18 jury, I have one final instruction for I do wanna thank you for your time 19 20 and your consideration of this case. 21 I also want to advise you of 22 some privileges enjoyed by jurors. No juror can ever be required to talk about 23 24 the discussions that occurred in the jury room, except by Court order. 25 ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

For many centuries our society has relied upon juries for consideration of difficult cases. We have recognized for hundreds of years that a jury's deliberations, discussions and votes should remain their private affair, as long as they wish it; therefore, the law gives you a unique privilege not to speak about the jury's work.

Although you are at liberty to speak with anyone about your deliberations; you are also at liberty to refuse to speak to anyone.

A request may come from those who are simply curious or from those who might seek to find fault with you. It will be up to you to decide whether to preserve your privacy as a juror.

And I do -- I would feel remiss if I did not add to the formal instruction that you have, throughout the course of this trial that has been extended because of holidays and because of hurricane threats, you have, each of you, because I have observed each of you, you have

cooperated, I think, to an extraordinary extent with a very demanding Judge.

You have kept to a schedule, um, with little or no complaint that I, at least, have heard, and I want to express my thanks and the thanks of everybody who has been a participant in this trial.

Um, you have more than done your jury service. I hope as you reflect on it, as difficult on you as it may have been at times, as restricted, um, the conditions were that were set for you at times, um, I hope that when you reflect on your jury service, it will have been a positive experience for the most part.

Now I am lifting, obviously, all of those restrictions that I set out for you. As the instruction, the formal instruction I read to you has indicated, you're, obviously, free to discuss with anybody or not discuss with anybody as you choose to do.

Now I'm going to tell you I'm gonna ask those alternates who are still with us, to join the jurors and accompany ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

the bailiff. The bailiff will -- will take you safely, um, to your cars at this time. Thank you.

(Thereupon, the jury leaves the courtroom at 1:45)

THE COURT: Now I'm gonna ask
the attorneys to bring with them
calendars. Um, we will meet next week.
Um, I'd like you to look at your
calendars, at this point.

What I want to do when we meet is establish a time for a Spencer hearing, um, and I want to talk with you. Um, I am asking both sides to prepare sentencing memoranda.

I am specifically asking the defendant -- although I have taken extensive notes, um, throughout the course of this phase of the trial, um, and intend to get a transcript -- I would want the defense particularly to list any and all mitigating factors that this Court should consider.

Um, I would ask that we meet either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week,
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and I don't really have a preference at 1 2 this point, simply for scheduling purposes. So if you want to tell me or 3 4 you want to call my office, I -- I don't 5 have any problem with that. 6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Judge, um, 7 Tuesday would be better for me than Wednesday. 8 9 THE COURT: Mr. Traina? 10 MR. TRAINA: That's fine, Judge. 11 THE COURT: Fine. Then I would 12 ask that, um -- it's a trial week for me 13 next week, so I'm gonna ask that, um, we 14 meet, um, at 8:00 so that I can schedule. 15 I will tell you now that 16 tentatively I'm looking for that Spencer 17 hearing to occur the afternoon of 18 October 11th; and I'd ask that you see 19 what your schedules permit. 20 Um, it would be probably 21 beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon; so that's what I'm looking to. That was the 22 date, um, that I think is available at 23 24 this time. Obviously, it's subject to 25 ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

change depending on what your schedules are as well. And when we meet on Tuesday with -- if the October 11th date works, then we'll agree on a sentencing date, hopefully, after October 11th, obviously. So does anybody else have any issues at this time? No? Fine. We'll see you, then, on Tuesday, the 21st, at 8:00. Thank you. THE CLERK: Judge, you want the defendant brought over on Tuesday? THE COURT: Yes. ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 CERTIFICATE 2 STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH 3 I, ALTHEA WILLIAMS-GONZALEZ, Official 5 Court Reporter for the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of the State of 6 7 Florida, in and for Hillsborough County. 8 DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I was 9 authorized to and did report in shorthand the 10 proceedings and evidence in the above-styled 11 cause, as stated in the caption hereto, and 12 that the foregoing pages, numbered 3512 to 13 3683, inclusive, constitute a true and 14 correct transcription of said shorthand 15 report of said proceedings and evidence. 16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set 17 my hand in the City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, 18 19 this 13th day of February, 2001. 20 21 BY: ALTHEA GONZALEZ, OFFICIAL OUT REPORTER 22 23 24

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