

1 And they had the opportunity to stand up this morning and  
2 play out a little play for you of all the things that  
3 they said happened, but you yourself have not been in the  
4 other courtroom where these things, and he added and he  
5 took away and he made it sound like a really pretty  
6 story. But it's not a true story, and there are a lot of  
7 loopholes in it that weren't heard today. So, when you  
8 judge him, please keep those things in mind. Just  
9 because he said it doesn't mean it's true.

10 THE COURT: All right, thank you, ma'am.  
11 Would you please step down at this time?

12 (Witness stood aside.)

13 MR. CRUMPLER: Your Honor, is there  
14 another---

15 **RODNEY ALEXANDER McLEAN, being first duly sworn,**  
16 **testified as follows during DIRECT EXAMINATION by MR.**

17 **FRED CRUMPLER:**

18 MR. CRUMPLER: Could the Court give me just a  
19 moment, Your Honor?

20 (Pause.)

21 Q. Mr. McLean, would you state your full name to the  
22 Court, please?

23 A. Yes. Rodney Alexander McLean.

24 Q. If you will, speak up as loud as you can because  
25 this is a large courtroom, and it's hard for me hear your

1 answers. My name is Fred Crumpler, and I'm an attorney.

2 I represent Mr. Ted Kimble. Do you know Mr. Kimble?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. Tell us how you know him.

5 A. Uh, I met him in an institution in Troy. Uh,  
6 that's pretty much how I met him.

7 Q. How long were you there together?

8 A. Uh, I can't tell exactly how long. Couple of  
9 months maybe.

10 Q. Do you know William Stewart?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. Now, will you tell us what knowledge you have of  
13 any relationship between Ted Kimble and William Stewart,  
14 and I'm particularly making reference to any plans to  
15 either murder someone or escape or anything of that type.

16 A. Well, I have no knowledge of any plans of escape  
17 or murder or anything. But I know Mr. Kimble confided in  
18 me. He told me one day that he was afraid for his  
19 girlfriend's safety. That she had been called by someone  
20 asking for money.

21 Q. And was that William Stewart?

22 A. Uh, he did say it was William Stewart.

23 Q. How long did the period go when he talked with you  
24 about being afraid?

25 A. Excuse me?

1 Q. How long was it that you had these kinds of  
2 conversations with him? Has it been a week, a month, day  
3 or whatever it is?

4 A. I don't know. I can't remember exactly.

5 Q. Was there more than one occasion when he discussed  
6 that with you?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did he -- will you tell us whether Ted Kimble  
9 ever made any statement to you about his -- any plans to  
10 escape or to do anyone harm?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Yet, he did tell you he was afraid of William  
13 Stewart because he had been trying to get money from his  
14 girlfriend?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did he ever tell you whether he in fact ever got  
17 any money from the girlfriend?

18 A. No, he never told me.

19 MR. CRUMPLER: No further questions, Your  
20 Honor.

21 **CROSS EXAMINATION by MR. RICHARD PANOSH:**

22 Q. He knew to call her up because Mr. Kimble gave Mr.  
23 Stewart her name, address and telephone number; isn't  
24 that right?

25 A. I have no idea.

1 Q. If it's in a letter there, you wouldn't dispute  
2 that, would you?

3 A. Guess I couldn't.

4 Q. What have you been convicted of, sir?

5 A. I've been convicted of three counts of second  
6 degree murder, and two counts of armed robbery.

7 Q. Total of three murders?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. PANOSH: No further.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Crumpler, anything further?

11 MR. CRUMPLER: No further questions, Your  
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right, with these four  
14 witnesses, I intend to have them transported unless you  
15 need them for any further reason.

16 MR. CRUMPLER: Your Honor, the defendant has  
17 no further questions of any of the four witnesses.

18 THE COURT: All right, they can be  
19 transported, Sheriff.

20 (Witness stood aside.)

21 MR. ZIMMERMAN: One second, please, if Your  
22 Honor please.

23 (Pause.)

24 **RONNIE LEE KIMBLE, being first duly sworn, testified as**  
25 **follows during DIRECT EXAMINATION by MR. FRED CRUMPLER:**