NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

97 Crs 39580

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

vs.

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MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT

OF A FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

RONNIE LEE KIMBLE,

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Defendant.
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COMES NOW the defendant, by and through counsel, and respectfully shows the court the following:

- 1. The defendant was arraigned on first degree murder charges on May 2, 1997.
- 2. A Rule 24 conference was held on June 5, 1997 and the defendant was determined to be indigent and entitled to the appointment of back up counsel. Attorney David Lloyd was appointed by the court to represent the defendant.
- 3. On September 18, 1997 the Honorable L. Todd Burke allowed the appointment of a private investigator and authorized the sum of \$2,500 compensation for said appointment.
- 4. The defendant has been in custody since April 1, 1997 and has not been granted the privilege of bond. Prior to the defendant's incarceration he suffered from a sleep disorder of undetermined origin. It is believed that said sleep disorder may stem from psychological causes. Accordingly, the defendant is in need of psychological counseling and evaluation to assist him in determining the relevance of the sleep disorder to the pending charges against him and prepare him for the possibility of a death penalty hearing in the event of a conviction of a charge of first degree murder.
- 5. Dr. Charles Guyer has agreed to accept the appointment as the defendant's forensic psychologist and is willing to visit him in the Guilford County Jail.

WHEREFORE, the defendant respectfully prays that the court appoint Dr. Charles Guyer as his forensic psychologist and authorize an interim budget of \$2,500.

This the 2/ day of October, 1997.

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