

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION



STATE OF FLORIDA,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

JOHN W. DOBBS,

DEFENDANT./

CASE NUMBER: 48-2006-CF-15201-O

DIVISION NUMBER: 16

SENTENCING PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE

THE HONORABLE LISA T. MUNYON

In the Orange County Courthouse
Courtroom 10-D
Orlando, Florida 32801
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3 **THE COURT:** You may be seated.

4 Good morning.

5 I need the Dobbs file, please.

6 This is 2006-CF-15201, State of Florida versus John
7 Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs is present. As is?

8 **MS. VICKERS:** Melissa Vickers on behalf of
9 Mr. Dobbs.

10 **MS. CHIEN:** And Catherine Chien for Mr. Dobbs.

11 **THE COURT:** And Miss Laskoff is coming in.

12 I did receive -- and I believe my judicial assistant
13 let everybody know -- a letter from Mr. Dobbs, and she
14 was -- had a copy available for your review yesterday,
15 but I did bring copies for each of the four attorneys.

16 And Mr. Dobbs, the original will be filed in the
17 court file.

18 **THE DEFENDANT:** Thank you.

19 **THE COURT:** Miss Laskoff, do you have a scoresheet?

20 **MS. LASKOFF:** It's actually being brought over. I
21 was being held up -- the printer here isn't working for
22 some reason. I'm sorry, Your Honor.

23 **THE COURT:** While we're waiting for the scoresheet,
24 is there any testimony that we can receive?

25 **MS. LASKOFF:** You want the State to proceed first,

1 Your Honor?

2 **THE COURT:** Yes. I'll hear from the State first and
3 then the defense.

4 **MS. LASKOFF:** Okay. Mr. Troy, would you like to go
5 first?

6 **THE WITNESS:** Yeah, I'll be happy to go first.
7 Morning, Your Honor.

8 **THE COURT:** Good morning. Could you raise your
9 right hand to be sworn, please, sir.

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11 **Thereupon,**

12 **WILLIAM JOHN TROY, III**

13 **was called as a witness and, having first been duly sworn,**
14 **testified as follows:**

15 **THE COURT:** Can you tell me your name?

16 **THE WITNESS:** My name is William John Troy, III.

17 **THE COURT:** Miss Laskoff.

18 **MS. LASKOFF:** Yes, Your Honor.

19 Mr. Troy, can you tell the Court how you are related
20 to William Troy?

21 **THE WITNESS:** I'm his father.

22 **MS. LASKOFF:** Okay. And is there a statement that
23 you would like to make to the Court regarding this case?

24 **THE WITNESS:** Yes.

25 **MS. LASKOFF:** Okay. If you want to go ahead and

1 read that.

2 **THE WITNESS:** Actually, I have, first, Billy's
3 sister, Katie, who was here for the trial and had to go
4 back up to Connecticut, where she's a nurse at the Yale
5 teaching college, and -- and studying there for her
6 Master's. She could not attend. She had something that
7 she had written and I'd like to read that, and then I'll
8 give my own statement. Is that okay?

9 **THE COURT:** That's fine.

10 **THE WITNESS:** This is from Katie, who is 27 years
11 old and Billy's older sister.

12 My brother, William Troy, was murdered for no
13 reason. It was over an argument at a nightclub. My
14 brother's murder has torn my family apart. We are
15 absolutely devastated. It's left two parents without one
16 of their sons, a sister without one of her brothers, a
17 brother without his only brother, grandparents without
18 their grandchildren, and the list goes on of the people
19 who have lost Billy.

20 The two people that will be impacted the most by the
21 murder of William Troy are his two children, Isis Rose
22 Troy, age seven, and Billy Troy, V, age three. These
23 children are the ones that will be affected the most by
24 their father's murder, because they will not get to know
25 my brother, their father.

1 I was lucky to know William Troy, or Billy, as we
2 call him for 24 years. Yes, he was murdered young. We
3 grew up very close as children. We played sports
4 together, fought together, terrorized our baby-sitters
5 together, and went to school together, traveled together,
6 and drove our parents nuts together.

7 During our teenage years, we drifted apart a little
8 bit. He had his friends, I had mine. But the love of
9 two siblings was always there. As young adults, we
10 became friends again, started to hang out again, was
11 looking forward to seeing this relationship grow.

12 We have a lifetime -- we had a lifetime to grow
13 further into adulthood, and I looked forward to seeing my
14 brother grow into more of a man. I was looking forward
15 to raising our kids together and growing old together.

16 But my brother was murdered at the young age of 24.
17 He will not grow into an older man. He will not see his
18 children grow up. His children will not have their birth
19 father around. I'm without a brother; my parents minus a
20 son. And this list goes on as I mentioned above. All of
21 this because of my brother being dead. All of this
22 because my brother, William Troy, was murdered at a
23 nightclub for no reason.

24 That's our daughter.

25 These are my comments.

1 Some of my happiest times were spent in Billy's
2 company. His birth, when the doctor handed him to me,
3 there was an instant bond. We were in love from the
4 start. Everything we did together had special
5 significance because it was time spent together, whether
6 it was swimming or surfing. Billy was probably the best
7 natural athlete that I ever knew. He was good at
8 everything that he tried, initially. Everything was
9 special because of our love for one another. The last
10 thing I said to him, the day before his murder, was I
11 love you. The last thing he said to me was the same
12 thing.

13 In my heart and soul, there is an empty spot that
14 his love used to fill.

15 We're a very close family. The Sunday before
16 Billy's murder, he chartered a boat for us. We all went
17 out. It was his children -- three generations,
18 grandchildren, himself, his girlfriend and his children.
19 It was a beautiful day. We thought we had a lifetime of
20 such days ahead of us. We may have such days, but
21 they'll never be the same without Billy. His charm. His
22 laughter. His embrace.

23 Billy's loss has significance to many. His
24 immediate family, his children, his uncles, his aunts,
25 his cousins. But there's another whole level of people.

1 There's employees who are left without a job now. He
2 started two businesses; employed dozens of people. He
3 recently bought his first home. All at the -- by the age
4 of 24.

5 Imagine what might have been if he had not been
6 murdered.

7 During the trial there was a description of a gun by
8 Mr. Dobbs. He said he didn't want to have it associated
9 with him because he thought it might "have a body on it."
10 A body on it. How crude, how unfeeling, to describe a
11 human being as nothing more than a body.

12 Billy was life itself. He was vibrant. A wonderful
13 soul. And we're gonna miss him terribly.

14 Now, as a family, we've been, as my daughter said,
15 torn apart. It's been horrible. My wife has been unable
16 to go back to work. My work has been affected. I also
17 employ people; it all has a trickle-down effect.

18 Fortunately, it's not me that has to make the
19 decision about what happens to Mr. Dobbs, but I would,
20 um, ask that you make certain that he never do this to
21 another family again.

22 Thank you, Your Honor.

23 **THE COURT:** Thank you, sir.

24 Miss Vickers any questions? Or Miss Chien?

25 **MS. CHIEN:** I have no questions.

1 couldn't make it because he has tests. He has finals.
2 But last week he was here for all three days. So I'd
3 like to read a note that he gave -- gave us, first,
4 before I make any comments.

5 Billy was a dear brother and friend. He served as a
6 model and mentor.

7 Oh, by the way, Billy's fiancée is here. I don't
8 know whether she's going to be able to speak or not,
9 but --

10 (To the audience) I encourage you to say something.

11 I'm sorry. I'll go on. I'll go on.

12 Billy was a dear brother and friend. He served as a
13 model and mentor. He was the type of person that could
14 achieve anything to which he set his mind, and his mind
15 was set on making the world a better place. He praises
16 the virtues of love, honor and bravery.

17 There are few people that can see through the
18 superficialities of the flesh, but Billy could see beyond
19 petty differences. He believed in helping and serving
20 others. He was full of life and energy, and tried to
21 savor every moment. He was very spiritual, and strove to
22 understand the mysteries of the world we live in.
23 Nothing can make up for his loss.

24 My son, Adam, is studying anthropology and he wants
25 to have his Master's in public health. And Billy played

1 a large part in Adam's growing up. Adam told me that
2 Billy changed his total outlook on life and death, by a
3 story that Billy had learned at -- at a retreat.

4 If -- forgive me if I tell the story. There were
5 300 billion minor gods up in Heaven -- not the Lord
6 Almighty, but minor gods. And one of the gods decided
7 that he would like to come to earth and live a life as a
8 pig. So he came to earth, and he was born from --
9 through a mother pig, and he grew up as a pig. He got
10 married to another woman pig and they had pig -- little
11 pigs. And he grunted and he rolled in the mud. And he
12 was enjoying his life as a pig.

13 Well, the gods -- the minor gods up in Heaven missed
14 him, and his work was important up in Heaven, so they
15 needed him back. So they decided to go to earth and
16 bring him back. And they went down and they spoke to the
17 pig, and the pig was frightened and terrified. Get away
18 from me. I have a wonderful life here. What are you
19 doing? And so they tried to talk to him and tried to
20 talk to him and, finally, they tore him apart and out
21 fell the god. And he said, I had the most marvelous
22 dream. I dreamt I was a pig.

23 Well, this story was -- changed Adam's whole outlook
24 on life. And he told me that story, so I just wanted to
25 share that with everybody.

1 Billy said it so beautiful, that -- although Billy
2 was very spiritual and he knew that the material world
3 was not the most important world, that there is a
4 spiritual world and that each and every one of us is a
5 god inside. We have that -- that part of us that is a
6 divine person.

7 He still lived life to the fullest, which is why
8 we're here. We're allowed to live life to the fullest.
9 And as my husband said, he had -- he managed to make
10 everything for himself at a very young age.

11 When he was born, it was one of the happiest moments
12 of our life -- all three of our children -- and when he
13 died, um, I lost a large part of myself.

14 And I believe that he is in a better place.

15 And I -- I guess that's all I have to say.

16 Um, I spoke to Billy the Monday before he passed
17 away on Wednesday night, and I said I love you, I'll see
18 you this weekend. And he said yes.

19 And he had just also told me that he was going to
20 re-ask his fiancée to marry him again. They've known
21 each other for seven years. Oh, the pictures.

22 (To the audience) Do you want to show the
23 pictures --

24 Can I show you the pictures of --

25 **THE COURT:** You may.

1 **MS. LASKOFF:** She said you have them.

2 **THE WITNESS:** Oh, I have them?

3 Oh, they're in my purse.

4 **THE COURT:** Counsel, if you want to discuss cases,
5 please do so outside.

6 **THE WITNESS:** Could you pass those to Her Honor,
7 please?

8 **COURT DEPUTY:** (Tendered.)

9 **THE WITNESS:** Both of the grandchildren are having
10 emotional problems, especially the three-year-old,
11 because it's harder for him to understand. The
12 seven-year-old, Isis, is being very well-taken care of by
13 her mother, and she's going to different --

14 **COURT DEPUTY:** (Tendered.)

15 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you.

16 -- different -- different, um, groups, bereavement
17 groups. And -- and we -- I just found a bereavement
18 group for three-year-olds -- Billy is three years old --
19 and he asks about his daddy every day, and he wants his
20 daddy to come down from Heaven and prays to the Lord
21 every day that his daddy will come down from Heaven and
22 be with him.

23 But ... I guess that's all I have to say.

24 Oh. I wrote down -- he was father, a son, a lover,
25 a friend.

1 Oh. Oh, and when -- when we had the services --
2 excuse me if I'm going too long, but -- we had so many
3 people come and tell me how he had helped them. So many
4 kids. I mean, you know, young kids, kids his age, say
5 that he had given them -- that he had helped them, given
6 them advice, lent them money. He was a friend to
7 everyone. He did not discriminate on anybody. He would
8 have friends in any situation.

9 You know, some of the friends he had, I would, like,
10 worry about, but he would say, Mom, they're human beings.
11 And he -- you know, I had even adults tell me -- by
12 adults, I mean people my age -- telling me that Billy had
13 helped them. So he was really into helping people. And
14 I didn't always know. He didn't tell me. He wasn't
15 sharing that information, wasn't bragging or anything.
16 It's just all these people came up -- and I had big
17 posters to bring up today, all the signatures on it from
18 the service, but I forgot to bring it.

19 Thank you very much for your time.

20 **THE COURT:** Okay. Miss Chien, any questions?

21 **MS. CHIEN:** No, Your Honor.

22 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

23 Any additional witnesses, Miss Laskoff?

24 **MS. LASKOFF:** Yes, Your Honor.

25 **THE COURT:** Could you raise your right hand to be

1 sworn, please, ma'am.

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3 **Thereupon,**

4 **JAIME MARIE WIESBOW**

5 **was called as a witness and, having first been duly sworn,**
6 **testified as follows:**

7 **THE COURT:** Tell me your name.

8 **THE WITNESS:** Jamie Marie Wiesbow (ph).

9 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

10 **MS. LASKOFF:** Did you want to make a statement to
11 the Court regarding this case and how it's affected and
12 impacted you and your family?

13 **THE WITNESS:** Yes, please.

14 Thank you, Your Honor. This will be brief.

15 Billy and I have known each other since we were
16 children. We grew up together, um, from adolescent to
17 young adulthood. In that time, we created a very strong
18 bond between the two of us, and I feel that he knew me
19 better than anyone else in this world. And he got me. I
20 could say little, and he would understand where I was
21 coming from.

22 And having known that, in a lifetime, even for a
23 short while, is such a great blessing. And some people,
24 I think, will never have that experience.

25 Um, the two of us, together, we have a

1 seven-year-old daughter named Isis, who is incredibly
2 wonderful and smart. And if anyone in here has children,
3 they'll know just how much it's -- they adore their kids.
4 It's just so easy to just love and adore them. And both
5 of us, Billy and I, both adored her.

6 The way this, um, situation, and the consequences of
7 it have affected me, have been huge. It's been
8 incredibly painful. But even worse is that my daughter,
9 who is seven, had to experience this. And her heart is
10 broke. She has a broken heart because somebody decided
11 to murder her father. She had to learn at a young age
12 that death happens. It's natural. But the way this
13 happened was not natural. It was not just. It should
14 not have happened.

15 And she was -- from her father, she learned that her
16 dad is not invincible, because young children believe
17 that their parents are invincible.

18 **COURT DEPUTY:** (Tendered.)

19 **THE WITNESS:** Thank you.

20 So not only did her world shake and her heart get
21 filled with such pain and loss that she cannot even
22 comprehend -- she learned that her dad is not a superman,
23 not a superhero, and she learned that the world has
24 people in it who do such cruel things, that the world is
25 cruel. And for her to have learned that at such a young

1 age, it's -- it's pretty hard for me to swallow as a
2 parent, as her mother.

3 Her father was great to her. He loved her in a
4 wonderful way. And she has a lot of him in her. And I
5 believe that she will definitely grow and prosper and
6 that God is definitely gonna take care of her. But this
7 situation is incredibly unfortunate and it shouldn't have
8 happened.

9 I still wake up and I can't believe that Billy is
10 not here for me to talk to. Just -- I can't believe that
11 he's not here for his children. My daughter recently
12 went to bereavement camp, it's called Camp Good Grief,
13 which is really excellent. And in that time she had the
14 freedom to express her grief and loss -- which she made
15 up her mind right away she wasn't going to share it with
16 me, 'cause she didn't want to see me upset and hurt. So
17 she is, like, this little, beautiful child walking around
18 with all this stuff bottled up. Um, but she was really
19 able to express certain things, and how much she missed
20 her father, and how if she could have one wish in the
21 whole world, she would wish he's alive with her right
22 now.

23 So while Billy was here, he made a definite impact
24 on a lot of people and did great things. And thanks to
25 him I have a wonderful daughter. And I'll continue to

1 carry him in my heart, and so will my daughter.

2 So thank you.

3 **THE COURT:** Miss Chien, any questions?

4 **MS. CHIEN:** No, Your Honor.

5 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

6 Any additional witnesses, Miss Laskoff?

7 **MS. LASKOFF:** No, Your Honor.

8 **THE COURT:** Any witnesses, Miss Chien?

9 **MS. CHIEN:** The defense calls Edward Dobbs.

10 **THE COURT:** Come forward, please, sir.

11 Would you raise your right hand, please?

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13 **Thereupon,**

14 **EDWARD DOBBS**

15 **was called as a witness and, having first been duly sworn,**

16 **testified as follows:**

17 **THE COURT:** Tell me your name, please, sir.

18 **THE WITNESS:** My name is Edward Dobbs.

19 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

20 Miss Chien.

21 **MS. CHIEN:** Mr. Dobbs, what is your relationship to

22 John Dobbs?

23 **THE WITNESS:** I'm his father.

24 **MS. CHIEN:** And do you have something that you

25 wanted to share with the Court?

1 **THE WITNESS:** Yes. I'm -- I'm an attorney. I
2 practice in the State of Michigan. I was here for the
3 trial. I witnessed the testimony. I had attempted to
4 make a motion to bring -- to bring a motion before the
5 Court to have his verdict overturned, based upon the --
6 the assertion that the evidence that was presented
7 against him could not reasonably be construed to prove
8 him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, because of the
9 prosecution and the presentation of its case con --
10 presented conflicting testimony to the Court.

11 **THE COURT:** Mr. Dobbs, do you understand that I
12 denied your motion to substitute in as counsel because of
13 the pro hac chair rules of the Florida Bar?

14 **THE WITNESS:** As a result, I'm not able to -- to
15 make an argument, though, on his behalf.

16 At the same time, I do want to express to the Court
17 that I do know my son, and know that he would not murder
18 anyone without -- he would not take anyone's life
19 without -- without cause, without the -- being forced to
20 defend his-self (sic).

21 We're at the stage here that I'm attempting to make
22 a plea to the Court, and some type of leniency, Your
23 Honor, on sentencing, and would bring to the Court's
24 attention the surrounding circumstances that he did find
25 himself in, and that there were, in fact, four

1 individuals that were facing him. There's no -- no doubt
2 that at the time he was, in fact, facing four
3 individuals, and that, under those circumstances,
4 whether -- that the Court should take into consideration
5 the fact that under those circumstances, a person is
6 under increased strain and, based upon that, I would ask
7 the Court to be as lenient as it could possibly be under
8 those circumstances in sentencing.

9 That he is -- I -- I've -- I understand that the
10 deceased had a son -- had a daughter named Isis. Well,
11 my son has a daughter named Isis, also. She's nine years
12 old. And he has two other children, 11 and eight, who
13 are dependent on their father; who are loved and
14 supported.

15 So based on those things, I -- I ask the Court to be
16 as lenient as possible at this time.

17 **THE COURT:** Thank you, sir.

18 Miss Laskoff, any questions?

19 **MS. LASKOFF:** No, Your Honor.

20 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

21 Miss Chien, any other witnesses?

22 **MS. CHIEN:** Yes. John Dobbs.

23 **THE COURT:** Mr. Dobbs, raise your right hand to be
24 sworn, please, sir.

25 **Thereupon,**

JOHN DOBBS

1
2 the Defendant herein, was sworn under oath and testified as
3 follows:

4 THE COURT: Tell me your name again, please, sir.

5 THE DEFENDANT: My name is John Dobbs.

6 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

7 THE DEFENDANT: Actually, John Wesley Dobbs, IV.

8 And, um, to me, the whole situation, it's -- the irony is
9 bizarre. The man -- he's the fourth -- he's William John
10 Troy, IV. I'm John Wesley Dobbs, IV. We both have a
11 daughter named Isis. My daughter is ten years old. She
12 just turned ten years old three days before my trial
13 began February 23rd. I only came out here to see my
14 daughter. And my two sons. I have two sons, also. Came
15 out here to see my kids.

16 I don't doubt the -- the -- the love that, you know,
17 his family has for him, and I do not doubt on whether or
18 not he was a -- a -- probably a beautiful human being at
19 certain times in his life. Um, I believe that, just by
20 what they was saying, and I didn't have the vibe that he
21 was a bad guy, you know. What I did was get the vibe
22 that he was acting very ignorant at the -- at that time.

23 I was attempting to, you know, extend my condolences
24 to the family of Mr. William Troy, you know. I really
25 didn't think that, you know, um -- if -- if it wasn't for

1 his friends being so drunk, and him being drunk, you
2 know, this would have never happened. I think that, you
3 know, we had true words of humor, which men do, and it
4 wasn't anything serious like that. But his friends, you
5 know, they took my confidence and thought that it should
6 be met with physical aggression. And they, being that --
7 you know, they must have misconstrued the situation
8 between me and him, the words that we spoke.

9 And then, when they attacked me, you know, um, I'm
10 fighting them and, you know, I -- I was standing my
11 ground pretty well for a minute, and, um, you know, then
12 I got grabbed from behind, and that was the end of my own
13 stand and I was taking a beating from there. And he
14 decided to jump in, during that time when I was getting
15 beaten, because he was not in there in the beginning of
16 the fight, he came in towards the end. And, you know, I
17 mean, I really think the guy probably was -- you know, I
18 think God wanted him, 'cause I did not want that man
19 dead, you know.

20 Um, I think that, you know, he probably is a
21 beautiful person. But, at the same time, I know that I'm
22 a beautiful person, and I've always been a beautiful
23 person, but that there is times when I was around his
24 age, or younger, you know, into mischief on the side.
25 And it didn't mean that I didn't love humanity or

1 anything, it was me trying to spread my wings as a young
2 man.

3 And, you know, from what I understand, this man also
4 was a pimp and a drug dealer. So I'm not saying that he
5 don't have a heart because you're a pimp and a drug
6 dealer. I mean, I'm from -- you know, I grew up in
7 places like the Salvation Army, and stuff like that,
8 also. My mother left my father. We were homeless, you
9 know. I mean, I never wanted anything to happen to that
10 young man.

11 But it really hurts me. And it really hurts me to
12 think that their family could believe that I would want
13 that man dead.

14 You know, this whole thing is -- it's just took me
15 by surprise from the beginning. And I've been a victim
16 from the beginning. And, you know, I -- I never wanted
17 anything -- any harm to come to that man. Okay?

18 This -- this -- this whole situation is sad. It's
19 sad. You know, I was the only black person there that
20 night, you know. But when I look at his family and
21 see -- see his -- they look like they could be related to
22 me. You know? His daughter has the exact same name as
23 my daughter. We both chose the same names for our
24 daughters, you know.

25 When he spoke in the club, you know, I could tell

1 he's tipsy, and I could tell he's young. And he was
2 being ignorant. And, you know, I just said some snappy
3 comebacks, he said some nappy whatever, and it wasn't
4 nothing that was gonna lead to an altercation. And I
5 would have never prevented myself from leaving before the
6 altercation, if I had known that altercation was gonna
7 happen. It was just so much of -- really, this type of
8 thing happens all the time. People say things. You
9 know, sarcasm. He says you walk out with security -- you
10 and your girl walk out with security. Well, before he
11 was asking me where the girl's at, he said him and his
12 boys wanted to fuck. He was drunk. I took it as
13 nothing. You know, he said you walk out with security.
14 Security was right there, they wasn't walking me out.

15 But they was right there. Why would I feel it was
16 actually gonna be a confrontation? I did not really
17 think it was gonna be a confrontation. Actually, he was
18 right, security was right there. I'm standing out there,
19 I said I might as well talk to these guys, know what I'm
20 saying. I was bored. I have CDs -- I sell my own music
21 and wanted to promote my CDs before I left Florida later
22 that morning. I wanted to give them some CDs.

23 He wasn't the guy who walked up to me, the other guy
24 walked up to me, Andre Blanco -- never met him, didn't
25 see him in the club or whatever. He said to me, bro --

1 he wanted to fuck. Pardon my language. I did not see
 2 him, or anybody with -- with William, so when he said
 3 that, I was like, this boy -- this guy is bugging. You
 4 know? But -- anyway.

5 I'm -- I'm gonna leave that alone, know what I'm
 6 saying. I feel very sorry for the family. It hurts me
 7 that they're hurt. And it hurts me even more to think
 8 that they would think that I was so small as to want to
 9 harm their son for -- for no reason. You know, it was
 10 just -- but this is the way life is. People don't
 11 always -- on the other side of the gate, don't know
 12 what's going on, and some people just stay confused like
 13 that.

* 14 Okay. I ^{have been} ~~am~~ charging Orange County, ^{and} ~~in~~ the State of
 15 Florida, \$350,000 per day until I am released. Since
 * 16 January 17th, ^{today} ~~to date~~, that amounts to \$17.5 million. I
 17 am adding ^a the charge of one million dollars per day to
 * 18 what I ^{am} already charging Orange County, ^{and} ~~in~~ the State of
 * 19 Florida, just until my appeal or release before, [†] --
 20 starting today.

21 I ask that anyone examining this case note that I
 22 complained of being railroaded before the trial. And the
 23 evidence is self-explanatory.

24 I ask that Her Honor recognize these violations of
 25 law and my civil rights.

1 I have, prior to the trial, sent my entire discovery
2 to the ACLU, the NAACP, and other organizations, as well
3 as sent complaints to the Florida Bar Association about
4 Public Defender Catherine Chien and, recently, her
5 supervisor, Melissa Vickers, and their blatant disregard
6 for my requests, such as video from the club and the 911
7 transcript.

8 My father, Michigan Attorney Edward Dobbs, handed
9 out a notice of ineffective assistance of counsel during
10 the second day of trial, after noticing reasons for my
11 complaints. They did not request a mistrial, although
12 there was evidence of jury tampering. They took the
13 juror's claim of insignificant conversation with the
14 father of the deceased on face value and compromised my
15 life-threatening position.

16 My so-called defense team worked me like con
17 artists, talking of strategies with ^{no direction} ~~misdirection~~. They
18 refused to ask questions that I ^{had} ~~have~~ prepared for the
19 trial, just as they refused to cooperate with my attempt
20 to have a trial by judge, as I discussed in my third
21 letter to Judge Strickland. They refused to point out
22 important facts that I requested of them during the trial
23 and during ^{the} closing statement.

24 Catherine's closing argument was repetitious and, ~~at~~
25 ~~times~~ and time-consuming. She merely quoted law and

1 barely brought out details of the case to support them.
2 She allowed herself to seem at a loss of ~~support~~^{supportive} of
3 evidence, when I had major points written to assist her,
4 that she ignored. And there were many other points for
5 her to choose from, while the State, in the last part of
6 her closing, fabricated lies, including how I described
7 myself holding a knife.

8 Prior to the trial, I counted 399 inaudibles within
9 the 49 pages of the transcribed (sic) version of my
10 interview and statement with Detective Phelan and
11 Detective Talton, as well as altered words and
12 statements. This is why I initially questioned the
13 admissibility of it.

14 But when I was made aware of the audio or video
15 being available, I told my defense team to withdraw ~~the~~^{their}
16 motion to suppress. I made numerous attempts during the
17 four or five days before the hearing, and at the
18 face-to-face before the hearing. They said they would
19 not. I argued with them for five to ten minutes,
20 explaining that it was in my best interests that it be
21 available for presentation. They said they did not have
22 to listen to me and went ahead with the motion anyway. I
23 did not make a scene in the courtroom for fear of
24 upsetting Judge Strickland.

* 25 I fear that they intended to ~~bring~~^{black} certain evidence

1 for the State, even though the State argued for purposes
2 of impeachment that due to the totality of the
3 circumstances surrounding the interview and statement, it
4 indicated that my statements were trustworthy. I believe
5 this was a decision not for my protection, but for the
6 protection of the sheriff's department and their
7 disregard for the law.

8 I am complaining to internal affairs about ~~the~~
9 Detective Phelan, Detective Pelton, and Detective Talton,
10 for their method of interrogation, their withholding of
11 evidence ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ transcripts, and by not submitting the swab
12 samples of blood from my vehicle, or in the parking lot
13 of the crime scene, to the Florida Department of Law
14 Enforcement for analysis.

15 And wrongful arrest.

16 And because of them putting my keys and driver's
17 license in evidence, instead of my property, I am unable
18 to notarize my will and testament, or to sign over ~~a~~
19 power of attorney to my mother, Celeste (ph) Dobbs. I
20 fear for my life because I see a conspiracy against me
21 and ^I think something fatal might happen to me in prison,
22 although I am healthy, drug- and disease-free.

23 The evidence surrounding my situation proves I was
24 actually under attack and violently beaten at the
25 passenger side of my vehicle, and the law stipulates that

1 for me to react in defense of myself, ^{the} danger need not be
 2 actual, just reasonably perceived. The law says the jury
 3 should consider the physical capacity of the people in
 4 the altercation. Being there were four men against one,
 5 and I was the smallest in weight of the five,
 6 self-defense must apply. They did not apply self-defense
 7 at all to their verdict. They did not respect witness
 * 8 testimony that I was surrounded ~~by~~ [↓] all but one of the
 9 alleged victims, admitting to initiating the attack on
 10 me.

11 They did not respect that no one but me ~~and~~
 * 12 ^{admits to having a knife,} Mr. Talton (sic) having seen ^a ~~any~~ knife, or any other
 13 weapons. Also, that there was no blood drawn in the
 14 beginning of the conflict. They did not recognize that
 15 that proves my claim that the knife -- my knife was not
 16 open until my girlfriend was screaming, and they were all
 17 on top of me. And in their aggression, they did not
 18 perceive me as a threat. They did not ask themselves why
 19 they were all fighting me, if they did not see me with
 20 ^a ~~the~~ weapon.

21 Francisco Gotay said at the adversary preliminary
 * 22 hearing that he ran over, ^{after he} saw Andre approach me and start
 23 swinging. At the trial, Anthony Riollano says he grabbed
 * 24 me by my shirt and was punching me in my neck. ~~Obvious~~
 25 attempt on my life. Hanzel Holiday says he took his

1 truck and rammed it into my car twice, trying to force me
 2 off the road, another admitted assault without regard for
 3 human life.

★4 The Jury did not recognize that Andre Blanco ~~was~~ saying
 5 he was first, and Francisco Gotay saying he was second in
 ★6 the fight against me, ^{means} ~~meaning~~ that at the time that
 7 William Troy entered the fight, I was already being
 8 jumped by two or three men.

★9 The only ~~important~~ ^{right} question during the course of the
 10 trial should have been is it reasonable for one man, who
 11 is in a fight with four men, that he does not know, for a
 12 reason that he does not know, to fear for his life? If
 13 it is reasonable, then the verdict should have been not
 14 guilty. If you're not sure, then the verdict should have
 15 been not guilty.

16 Obviously, the jury was not competent to the letter
 17 of the law, or worse. Nor was my public defender able to
 18 translate it into simpler terms, or worse.

19 David (sic) Swift, the manager of Thee Dollhouse
 20 says that these guys are regulars. Thee Dollhouse is a
 ★21 pretty small club. And although Philip ^{Westfall} ~~Westmore~~ (sic)
 22 and Justin Idle speak as if they don't know these guys,
 23 it makes more sense that they would.

★24 Still, though, I believe -- though ~~I believe~~
 ★25 unintentionally -- Philip ^{Westfall} ~~Westmore~~ describes that they

1 attacked me relentlessly at the adversarial preliminary
 * 2 hearing. And Justin Idle describes the malice of ~~the~~ ^{their}
 3 attack in his statement to the police, yet the State and
 4 ^{the} public defender don't bring this out properly at the
 5 trial.

6 I am innocent and guilty of nothing other than
 7 defense of myself and my lady.

8 The State admits that the altercation took place at
 9 my vehicle, which evidence shows was parked 55 feet away
 10 from their vehicle, and their vehicle being parked
 * 11 closest to the club, ~~giving~~ ^{gives} them no reason to have went
 12 that far out of their way.

13 Five out of the seven people involved agree that I
 14 was attacked. And this is not counting the witnesses.
 * 15 Myself, ^{and Deanna Washington of course} ~~Andre Blanco~~, ^{Plus} Francisco Gotay, Anthony Riollano, ^{and}
 16 Hanzel Holiday all admit, in open court testimony, in
 * 17 front of this State ^{the} prosecutor, to committing a felony
 18 against me with ~~the~~ intent to do great bodily harm; the
 19 first two to help Andre Blanco in what they are sure was
 20 a fistfight.

21 They also claim they don't know who threw the first
 22 punch between me and Andre. Andre Blanco, who changes
 23 his account of how it started from page one to page two,
 * 24 and again on page three of his statement to the police, ^{upon}
 * 25 which I was arrested ~~upon~~, is the only one accusing me of

1 a crime that they, themselves, don't describe as
2 self-defense. And his accusation is not consistent in
3 the police report, because he says he came to help Frank.
4 Andre and Frank's testimony at the adversary preliminary
5 hearing, and the trial, largely contradicts their
6 statement to the police, where Frank says he came to help
7 Will, and then testifies he did not see William, but he
8 came to help Andre. Somehow, my court-appointed public
9 defender fails to impeach these guys and the State fails
10 to see their crimes.

11 I had been hit around 50 times once Anthony Riollano
12 grabbed me; that's a little more than ten times by all
13 four men. My body was being thrown back and forth. He
14 would pull me to him, then knock me down for maybe 25
15 seconds. I was helpless and out of control, ^{swinging} ~~screaming~~,
16 with only one hand, ~~and~~ I could not see exactly what I
17 was stabbing at. I was being hit on the top of my head
18 and the side of my face, because I kept my head down. I
19 could only see them from the waist down because I was
20 either on the ground or hunched over most of the time. I
21 had been hit with a gun, cut on my head, my chin, my arm,
22 my fingers. I just saw people standing over me and felt
23 myself being pounded.

24 They were drunk. I was lucky to have my knife.
25 Based on the circumstances surrounding me at the time, I

1 made a lawful killing by an act imminent -- imminently
 2 dangerous to another and demonstrating a depraved mind
 3 without regard for human life, because I was being
 4 attacked by four men, each demonstrating a depraved mind
 5 without regard for human life.

6 Then, the attack resumed by another strange man,
 7 taking a machine that weighs more than a ton and
 8 committing an act that, no doubt, may have ended in the
 9 manslaughter of me and my lady, if not for the fact that
 10 I warned him.^{off}

11 As for necessity, the sixth elements should have been
 12 explained to the jury, being that the harm the defendant
 13 avoided must have been the first degree murder of himself
 14 by committing second degree murder. I do not think the
 15 jury was competent to that degree.

16 Andre Blanco has six felony convictions. Francisco
 17 Gotay has two. Hanzel Holiday has four. And William
 18 Troy has been arrested ten times for battery by the age
 19 of 24. Imagine these guys drunk, after leaving a strip
 20 club^s, and seeing me alone with my girl.

21 I have been warned in jail that William Troy is a
 22 known pimp and drug dealer, and some of his friends want
 23 me dead.

24 Also, that the detectives that arrested me are
 25 crooked cops.

1 I am not a resident of Florida and, because of this,
 2 I need to be placed in protective custody. I have had my
 3 people send my entire updated discovery to the Executive
 4 Office of the Governor, the U.S. Senate, the Supreme
 5 Court, as well as media, since my conviction. I have
 6 been at the heart of Florida's legal system, yet I am
 7 still waiting for the law to apply.

8 I ask that Her Honor recognize the wrongs done to
 9 me, and give the Court an opportunity to make things
 10 right by overturning the verdict, granting a mistrial, or
 11 supporting my move to appeal immediately within 30 days.

12 I am charging this ridiculous amount to the Court to
 13 match my ridiculous situation. In challenging ^{the} ~~the~~ words
 14 of George Bush, ^{senior} ~~Steiner~~ (ph), on the rule of law: Only
 15 the United States of America has the ^{moral} more leadership and
 16 ^{the} means to back it up.

17 Thank you for your time. And time is money.

18 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

19 Any additional witnesses, Miss Chien?

20 **MS. CHIEN:** No additional witness. I just wanted to
 21 ask Mr. Dobbs a few questions.

22 **THE COURT:** All right. You may.

23 **MS. CHIEN:** Mr. Dobbs, can you tell us how many
 24 children do you have?

25 **THE DEFENDANT:** Three.

1 **MS. CHIEN:** Three children. How old are they?

2 **THE DEFENDANT:** I have one eight-year-old, one
3 ten-year-old and one 11-year-old.

4 **MS. CHIEN:** And is there something that you want to
5 tell us about your upbringing, your own upbringing?

6 **THE DEFENDANT:** Well, my upbringing was between my
7 father and my mother. My father's side of my family is
8 very family-orientated (sic). My mother's side of my
9 family is more female based, but very strong and -- and
10 nurturing of the children.

11 And, basically, you know, it's been my dream to be
12 able to, you know, change the way a lot of things go
13 down, you know, with African-American families out here,
14 and -- starting with my own, in, um, the way the families
15 are always separated, the way women always seem to be and
16 the men getting locked up.

17 I see a lot of black men in this jail system, and I
18 don't really see too many other types of men. I see
19 Hispanics, and I see very few Caucasians. But I notice
20 that this is a state built mostly of Caucasians. You
21 know, I don't have anything against Caucasians. I have a
22 lot of Caucasian friends. but, at the same time, I notice
23 that the jail is predominantly black, and it -- and it
24 disturbs me because I know that most of the things that
25 go down is not by one particular race. Men have their

1 ways, period. You understand?

2 Now, basically, what was happening here is -- is --
3 is disgusting. Like, you know, how can all the drugs and
4 guns be in one little neighborhood and, at the same time,
5 they're coming from 3,000 miles away and nobody can find
6 them until they get to my block?

7 **MS. CHIEN:** Mr. Dobbs, you mentioned earlier that
8 your mom had left your dad and you guys had been
9 homeless. Can you tell us about that?

10 **THE DEFENDANT:** Yes. I was homeless for a period --
11 I was never really homeless in my heart, because as long
12 as I had my mother, I was all right. You know, it hurt
13 me that, you know, she left my father. And they was
14 going through things. They were very young. They were
15 around the same age William Troy is -- was, at the time,
16 you know? And, um, like I say, you know, my father
17 had -- also had a family there. And I notice that I'm
18 not the only person in my family is -- who is going
19 through trial and tribulations.

20 As I said, I'm the fourth, just as William Troy is
21 the fourth in his family. And the -- the coincidences
22 are just ironic. So bizarre. I feel sorry for them. I
23 can't imagine -- you know, I can't manage why something
24 like that would happen. But God works in mysterious
25 ways, you know.

1 But, yeah, I was homeless for a large period of my
2 time.

3 **MS. CHIEN:** Okay.

4 **THE DEFENDANT:** And I -- I moved from place to
5 place. But we eventually found a place, and my mother --
6 you know, she's a great mother. You know, she tried her
7 best from her -- from her viewpoint, just as they see me
8 from their viewpoint.

9 **MS. CHIEN:** Do you have anything else to add?

10 **THE DEFENDANT:** No.

11 **THE COURT:** Any other witnesses, Miss Chien?

12 **MS. CHIEN:** No, Your Honor.

13 **THE COURT:** State, do you have the scoresheet at
14 this time?

15 **MS. LASKOFF:** I do, Your Honor.

16 May I approach?

17 **THE COURT:** You may.

18 **MS. LASKOFF:** I also have the restitution orders.

19 (Tendered.)

20 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

21 Miss Chien, I have a scoresheet that shows 466.5
22 total sentence points. Any objection?

23 **MS. CHIEN:** No objection, Your Honor.

24 **THE COURT:** Argument with regard to the matter of
25 sentencing, Miss Laskoff?

1 **MS. LASKOFF:** Your Honor, this was obviously a
2 tragic situation that's had long-lasting, lifelong
3 effects, not only to the victim and his family, but as
4 well as to the defendant's family and his -- his children
5 and his parents, as well.

6 I think I'm not going to reargue the facts of the
7 case, as Your Honor, obviously, is quite aware of them
8 having sat through the trial.

9 However, I would like to point out the fact that the
10 defendant is still not taking any responsibility,
11 whatsoever, for his actions. And, in fact, he seems to
12 be blaming everyone else. He is still blaming the
13 victim's friends, he is still blaming the victim. He is
14 claiming that there -- as he stated, there's crooked --
15 if I can say it -- crooked cops, you know. And he --
16 he's also still trying to make the victim look like a
17 really bad guy and saying, you know, the negative things
18 he was, in fact, saying about him.

19 This wouldn't have happened if the defendant hadn't
20 attacked them with a knife. That's the bottom line of
21 this.

22 It's the State's position that the jury reached a
23 just verdict based on the evidence that was presented to
24 them. And based on the defendant's actions, he should be
25 sentenced accordingly for committing second degree

1 murder.

2 There's also the other victims, Francisco Gotay and
3 Andre Blanco, who were severely injured, with multiple
4 stitches and slices and, fortunately, they were not
5 injured to a point where they, in fact, died.

6 And then there's also Mr. Holiday, the victim of the
7 aggravated assault. So there's multiple victims. The
8 defendant's actions were -- were malicious. He still is
9 taking no responsibility. And we would ask the Court to
10 sentence him accordingly in this case.

11 **THE COURT:** Miss Chien.

12 **MS. CHIEN:** Your Honor, we understand the jury has
13 spoken. This Court still has the discretion to give him
14 a lenient sentence. And that's what we're asking for.

15 When Mr. Dobbs came to Orlando on October 24th, he
16 was here to visit his family. His children. And on the
17 night that he went to Thee Dollhouse, he wasn't looking
18 for a fight. And even the testimony, it does say, at any
19 given point, it was four people against one.

20 Mr. Dobbs felt that he was in a situation where he
21 just had no way out, and he felt his life was in danger
22 and under attack.

23 Throughout the course of the trial, such as when the
24 M.E. photos were being presented, Mr. Dobbs did show
25 remorse. And when William Troy's girlfriend spoke,

1 Mr. Dobbs was also showing remorse.

2 Mr. Dobbs does have children. He does have a
3 family. He does have a mom and a dad.

4 We are asking for the lowest possible sentence in
5 this case. It was tragic that William Troy died, but,
6 you know, Mr. Dobbs felt he was fighting for his life at
7 the time.

8 And he doesn't have much of a prior record. And
9 this isn't something that he's done, you know, before,
10 which just goes to show that he felt his life was in
11 danger. And we're just asking for the most lenient
12 sentence.

13 **THE COURT:** Mr. Dobbs, I have previously adjudicated
14 you guilty of second degree murder with a weapon, two
15 counts of aggravated battery, one count of aggravated
16 assault with a firearm. I entered a judgment of
17 acquittal on Count 5, shooting from a vehicle, based upon
18 the jury's verdict.

19 With regard to Count 1 -- let's see. I'm
20 calculating 135 days credit time served; is that
21 accurate?

22 **THE CLERK:** Yes, ma'am.

23 **MS. VICKERS:** He has --

24 **THE COURT:** From October 25th to today.

25 **MS. VICKERS:** Correct.

1 **THE COURT:** With regard to Count 1, you are
2 sentenced to life in prison with credit for 135 days time
3 served. With regard to Count 2, you are sentenced to 15
4 years in prison with credit for 135 days time served.
5 With regard to Count 3, you are sentenced to 15 years in
6 prison with credit for 135 days time served. With regard
7 to Count 4, you are sentenced to five years in prison,
8 with a three-year firearm minimum mandatory, with credit
9 for 135 days time served.

10 I will impose the statutory court costs that apply
11 to this matter; the statutory DERP fee.

12 I will order restitution and reserve jurisdiction to
13 establish the amount at a later time, if any. I will
14 reduce those costs to judgment in light of the sentence
15 of the Court.

16 Mr. Dobbs, you do have the right to appeal the
17 judgment and sentence of the Court within 30 days of
18 today's date. I see that you filed an affidavit of
19 insolvency for purposes of appeal, and I will sign that
20 at this time.

21 Any appeal must be filed in writing and, as I
22 indicated, must be filed within 30 days of today's date.

23 Miss Chien, I assume your office will take care of
24 perfecting that paperwork?

25 **MS. CHIEN:** Yes, Your Honor.

1 **THE COURT:** All right. The office of the public
2 defender has indicated they will file the notice of
3 appeal, the necessary paperwork, to have the transcripts
4 prepared.

5 **THE DEFENDANT:** Thank you.

6 **THE COURT:** You have any questions?

7 **THE DEFENDANT:** Um, so is it possible that I would
8 be back to appeal within 30 days?

9 **THE COURT:** The appeal will be filed within 30 days.
10 The appellate court will then make a decision with regard
11 to the matter. I can't tell you how long that will take.

12 **THE DEFENDANT:** Okay.

13 **THE COURT:** All right. Any other questions?

14 **THE DEFENDANT:** Nope.

15 **THE COURT:** Have a good day.

16 (Whereupon, these proceedings were concluded.)
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