

Indictment

CANADA

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SUPERIOR COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

AGAINST TRAVIS MITCHELL

Travis Mitchell stands charged:

COUNT 1:

That he, the said Travis Mitchell, on or about the 24th day of November, A.D. 1991, at or near the City of Williams Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, did commit murder on the person of Roxanne Andrews.

COUNT 2:

That he, the said Travis Mitchell, on or about the 31st day of March, A.D. 1992, at or near the City of Williams Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, did commit the first degree murder on the person of Cleo Sims.

CONTRARY TO SECTION 235(1) OF OUR CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA AND AGAINST THE PEACE OF OUR LADY THE QUEEN, HER CROWN AND DIGNITY.

DATED this 31st day of October, A.D. 1992 at the City of Williams Lake in the Province of British Columbia.

*Agent of the Attorney General for
The Province of British Columbia*

Exhibits

1. Photo of a woman stabbed to death in a bedroom of the house at 1352 Juniper Street. Her skirt is pulled up and she is apparently naked from the waist down. She also has many stab wounds to her upper torso. This is Exhibit 1.
2. Photo of a house, which appears to have been taken in late November. For the purposes of this trial, the house will be described as being located at 1352 Juniper Street. This is Exhibit 2.
3. Photo of a somewhat older woman stabbed to death in a bedroom of the house at 1575 Midnight Drive. Her skirt is pulled up and she is apparently naked from the waist down. She also has many stab wounds evident. This is Exhibit 3.
4. Photograph of muddy footprints (from numerous different shoes, boots, etc.) in entrance way of new house. This photograph includes a plain, but only partial footprint from Exhibit 7. This is Exhibit 4.
5. Photo of a new house displaying a real estate open house sign. This picture appears to have been taken in late March. For the purposes of the trial the house will be described as being located at 1575 Midnight Drive. This is Exhibit 5.
6. Small Lloyds calculator. This is Exhibit 6.
7. Pair of running shoes similar in size to those which fit the accused. This is Exhibit 7.
8. Lady's purse. This is Exhibit 8.
9. Texas Instruments calculator, similar to Lloyds calculator. This is Exhibit 9.
10. Transcript and tape of interview of Travis Mitchell by Sgt. Haney, August 3, 1992. These are Exhibit 10.
11. Statement written by Travis Mitchell for Sgt. Haney on August 3, 1992.
12. Transcript of telephone discussion between Travis Mitchell and Garth Mitchell on August 4, 1992. This is Exhibit 12.
13. An instruction book for the calculator. This is exhibit 13.
14. Notes made by Cst. Kake following discussions in cells with Travis Mitchell on August 3, 1992. These are Exhibit 14.

Admissions to be Made

1. That on November 24, 1991, Roxanne Andrews was staying at 1352 Juniper Street, and caring for the home, contents and pets while the owners were holidaying in Spain. Roxanne Andrews was killed that day and the person who killed her committed the crime of murder. She died after being stabbed twenty-five times.
2. That on March 31, 1991, Cleo Sims was conducting an open house for prospective buyers at 1575 Midnight Drive. Cleo Sims was killed that day and the person who killed her committed the crime of first degree murder. She died after being stabbed twenty-two times, and there was evidence that she had been sexually assaulted.
3. A decision has been made that certain statements made by the accused to police officers are admissible as evidence during his trial, and they will therefore be heard by the jury.
4. That Dr. Berman, a practicing psychiatrist, is qualified to give evidence as an expert witness upon psychiatric issues.
5. Travis Mitchell, the man accused of the murders of Roxanne Andrews and Cleo Sims, does not admit that he killed either woman. The essential issue in the trial is this: has it been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Travis Mitchell is the person who killed Roxanne Andrews and Cleo Sims, or either of them?

