

1 please, ma'am.

2 These witnesses who've testified on behalf of  
3 Mr. Kimble, if Your Honor please---

4 THE COURT: If there is no objection by the  
5 State, they may be released from subpoena.

6 MR. PANOSH: No objection.

7 MR. ZIMMERMAN: If Your Honor please, I need  
8 to step out on another matter.

9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

10 (Mr. Zimmerman leaves the courtroom briefly.)

11 **EDNA KIMBLE, being first duly sworn, testified as follows**  
12 **during DIRECT EXAMINATION by MR. FRED CRUMPLER:**

13 Q. Mrs. Kimble, state your full name for the Court,  
14 please.

15 A. Edna Layton Kimble.

16 Q. And I believe, ma'am, that you're Ted Kimble's  
17 mother, are you not?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Mrs. Kimble, Your Honor is going to have to pass  
20 judgment on your son when we conclude this hearing. And  
21 I ask you would you state to the Court matters that you  
22 think the judge may consider in your son's behalf by  
23 telling us about his past and things that you'd like the  
24 judge to consider.

25 A. I've raised my son, and I had little to no trouble

1 with my children. I've been proud in the past and I am  
2 still proud to stand here and say that I gave him life.  
3 And not one person in this courtroom will ever ever  
4 convince me that he murdered his wife.

5 I watched him grow up. I watched his manner. And  
6 I loved him, and to this day I still love him, and I will  
7 die loving him. No matter what these people have  
8 concocted, and the way they've concocted it, it won't  
9 matter. I'll stand by him until the day I take my last  
10 breath.

11 I saw him and her on a day about two to three  
12 times a week. She would call my home and ask me to come  
13 visit her, to be with them. I never saw these things  
14 these people said. I cannot believe that I was that  
15 blind because I don't consider myself a stupid person.  
16 Up until the day she died everything was fine. The last  
17 time I saw my daughter-in-law alive my son had tossed her  
18 over his shoulder bouncing her through a parking lot.  
19 She was waving at me goodbye. We had just hugged and  
20 kissed, and we'd had a nice lunch together. We had spent  
21 all morning together at a yard sale. Not once did she  
22 ever tell me she was threatened, worried or scared of my  
23 son. This is not the ugly picture that these people have  
24 painted. So, I have trouble believing that my son killed  
25 his wife. I have faced him, looked him in the eyes, and

1 I have asked him did you kill your lovely wife. And he  
2 told me no. And until that day, if he -- which I don't  
3 believe he'll ever tell me that because I don't believe  
4 he killed her. I don't think that he hired anybody to  
5 kill her. I know my other son is innocent. It was no  
6 physical evidence. There was never no one -- they never  
7 even proved that he was there, but yet he's in prison for  
8 life because they have the time to do it.

9 Q. Mrs. Kimble, let me ask you this. I believe your  
10 husband is a minister of a church, is he not?

11 A. Yes, he is.

12 Q. Has your family been involved, Ted included, in  
13 the church and in religious development?

14 A. Yes. My husband and I were saved in our mid-20's,  
15 and my husband accepted his calling of God in those  
16 years. And we sold our home and moved to Virginia. And  
17 there the boys were put into a christian academy, and we  
18 worked hard to get him through school. And then we moved  
19 here to Greensboro because this is where God thought --  
20 Ronnie thought that God would have him be to start a  
21 church. And we did end up starting a church in Julian,  
22 and that's where we've been ever since.

23 Q. Has Ted ever taught any subjects, Sunday School  
24 classes or any subjects involving religion?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. When was that, and what did he teach?

2 A. He usually taught children and it was -- he taught  
3 children's church. And it's been different times. Any  
4 time we needed help in an area, uh, Mr. Foust who has  
5 testified, he was our Sunday School director, and any  
6 time that someone was out or we needed a fill in, then,  
7 of course, he would ask Ted and Ted would fill in. But  
8 even after the death of Patricia, Ted was coming to the  
9 church right before he was arrested, and he was teaching  
10 a class.

11 Q. Is there anything else, Mrs. Kimble, that you'd  
12 like the judge to consider?

13 A. As you make judgment on my son today, I would like  
14 for you to remember that you judge him -- you will be  
15 judging him as an innocent man. (Witness is crying.) I  
16 know who I raised and I know he's not a killer. And  
17 that's what I would like you to consider. To be merciful  
18 to him because the years that you put him in prison, I  
19 too will be in prison. Until I have victory over this,  
20 every day of my life will be like this. Every day I cry.  
21 And the crying won't stop because the pain is going to be  
22 always there that I can't hold him. I can't watch him  
23 laugh. I can't go to dinner with him like I used to.  
24 And every time I face him I have to know that I'm looking  
25 at an innocent man in prison for a crime he didn't do.

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