



Billingsley "told my father I was going to be a juror he started spitting out the details."

5. Mr. Billingsley told me that the judge told the jurors that their names were not supposed to be released to the public, but his name was released, and that was among the factors that caused him to feel threatened throughout the trial. The judge told Mr. Billingsley that he was sorry that he had to go through the trial because people knew who he was. Mr. Billingsley described how his name came to be known: during jury selection, prospective jurors were asked to say their name, where they were from and how many miles they drove. When "William Billingsley" was called by the clerk, he responded "Here. Tampa, 1070 miles."

6. Mr. Billingsley did not know that there were reporters sitting in on this session. He might also have been in uniform. Mr. Billingsley was sitting in the back row of the courthouse and when he gave that answer "everything stopped," and everyone turned around to look at him. The reporters immediately approached him - that's how his name became known. At the end of the trial, when the judge asked the jurors, individually, to give their verdicts out loud, Mr. Billingsley responded in a very low voice - almost mumbled it. Mr. Billingsley remembers the judge saying to him, "Well, Mr. Billingsley, I don't think they heard you." The judge told Mr. Billingsley, "I'm sorry, but everyone already knows your name anyway."

7. Mr. Billingsley told me that he has returned to Arkansas only once since he completed jury duty "because of the trial - it scared the daylights out of me." Mr. Billingsley told me that what scared him was all the talk of those kids being part of a cult, and looking into the audience and seeing the victims' families and the families of the defendants. The families of the defendants were at the trial, as well as people who Mr. Billingsley suspected might be friends of the defendants - some of whom were dressed in black with straight black hair and cult symbols. Mr. Billingsley told me that he was concerned that if they voted to convict, some of those people, who were free on the street, might seek revenge - kill him.

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8. Mr. Billingsley told me that his jury experience "spooked the hell out of me." Mr. Billingsley told me that he wished the jury had been sequestered because the case was so high profile, and he had never felt so scared. During the trial Mr. Billingsley stayed in Jonesboro with his cousin and could not sleep at night. He felt he could hear noises outside and would look out the window. Every morning, when leaving his cousin's house for jury duty, he would look to his left and right to make sure the coast was clear.

9. Mr. Billingsley told me that while he himself was never actually threatened, either verbally or physically, but he felt threatened by the atmosphere of the case. The details of the case also increased Mr. Billingsley's sense of being threatened: since the kids on trial were not afraid to kill, Mr. Billingsley thought, maybe they had friends or were part of a cult that was capable of killing.

10. Mr. Billingsley told me that during the trial Damien Echols looked weird and medicated. The Echols' family looked weird and medicated – all of them. That is what spooked the hell out of me going home at night, Mr. Billingsley told me. Mr. Billingsley said he remembers seeing a girl at the trial with black lipstick, black hair, the gothic look. Echols, Mr. Billingsley said, was into heavy metal rock and roll. When Echols testified, he explained some lyrics of rock and roll and his own writings. Mr. Billingsley said he found Echol's explanations "devilish." When Mr. Billingsley looked into the gallery, where, he believed, Echol's people were sitting, he thought, "They're going to kill me."

11. Mr. Billingsley said that his father and a friend of his father's came to Jonesboro at the end of the trial because his father was scared for his son's safety. When the trial was over Mr. Billingsley, his father, and father's friend were taken out the back of the courthouse. Many reporters were waiting for him. His father was shielding Mr. Billingsley, and his father's friend had a sawed-off shotgun concealed under a newspaper. Mr. Billingsley said it felt like security for the President. They got into a car and Mr. Billingsley said he was told to lay down in the back of the car, and they hightailed it out of the area.

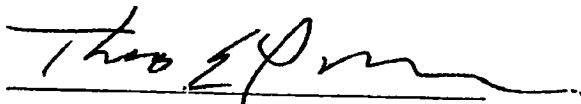
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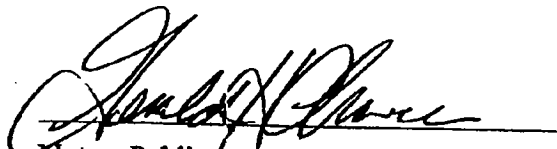
12. I have read the foregoing statements and state that they are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Further the affiant sayeth naught.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

  
THOMAS E. QUINN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2004.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: July 13, 2006



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