

THE STATE OF TEXAS

VS

STEVEN LAWAYNE NELSON
State ID. No.: TX06809897

§ IN THE CRIMINAL
§
§ DISTRICT COURT NO. 4
§
§ TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

CAPITAL JUDGMENT

On October 1, 2012, this cause was called for trial and the State appeared by her Criminal District Attorney, Assistants ROBERT K. GILL and C. PAGE SIMPSON, and the attorneys for the Defendant, STEVEN LAWAYNE NELSON, Honorable WILLIAM H. "BILL" RAY and STEPHEN GORDON, and announced ready for trial; and the State having made known that it would seek the Death Penalty in this cause and the Defendant having been heretofore arraigned and, it appearing to the Court that the Defendant was mentally competent and the Defendant having been charged in the indictment with Capital Murder; thereupon, a Jury of good and lawful men and women, to-wit: a Foreperson, and eleven others, was duly selected, impaneled and sworn as the law directs, and the said Criminal District Attorney read to the Jury, COUNT ONE of the indictment herein, and the Defendant entered his plea of not guilty to COUNT ONE of the indictment, hereto; and the Jury, after hearing the evidence, and being duly charged by the Court, retired to consider its verdict, and after deliberation, returned into open Court on the 8TH day of OCTOBER, 2012, the following verdict, to-wit:

VERDICT FORM

We the Jury, find the Defendant, STEVEN LAWAYNE NELSON, guilty of the offense of Capital Murder, as alleged in the indictment.

Signed: *N W Smith*
Foreperson of the Jury

All parties announced ready for the second phase of the trial, and the Jury, having heard all the evidence, and being duly charged by the Court, retired to consider its verdict, and after due deliberation, returned into open court, on the 16TH day of OCTOBER, 2012, their answers to the following Special Issues, and their verdict:

that the Defendant would commit criminal acts of violence that would constitute a continuing threat to society?

In your verdict you will
answer "Yes" or "No"

Answer: YES

SPECIAL ISSUE NO. 2

Do you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the Defendant actually caused the death of the deceased, or did not actually cause the death of the deceased but intended to kill the deceased or another or anticipated that a human life would be taken?

In your verdict you will
answer "Yes" or "No"

Answer: YES

SPECIAL ISSUE NO. 3

Taking into consideration all of the evidence, including the circumstances of the offense, the Defendant's character and background, and the personal moral culpability of the Defendant, do you find from the evidence that there is a sufficient mitigating circumstance or circumstances to warrant that a sentence of life imprisonment without parole rather than a death sentence be imposed?

In your verdict you will
answer "Yes" or "No"

Answer: NO

VERDICT FORM

We, the Jury, having unanimously agreed upon the answer to the foregoing issues do hereby return the same into court as our verdict.

Signed: N W Smith
Foreperson of the Jury

After an individual poll of the Jurors, the Court duly accepted the verdicts and ORDERED the same to be filed.

The Defendant, STEVEN LAWAYNE NELSON, was asked by the Court, whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced against him, and the Defendant answered nothing in bar thereof;


The Court proceeded, in the presence of the said Defendant, STEVEN LAWAYNE NELSON, and his counsel of record, to pronounce sentence against him as follows:

Mr. Nelson, you came before this Court and jury and entered a plea of Not Guilty to this offense as set out in the indictment. The evidence was submitted to the jury and the jury was charged by this Court. After deliberating, the Court found you guilty of Capital Murder.

your punishment be assessed at Death and that at any time before 6:00 p.m. on a date to be determined by this Court be upon a mandate of affirmance issued by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals at the State Penitentiary in Huntsville, you shall be caused to die by intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause your death and until you, Steven Lawayne Nelson, are dead. Said execution procedures shall be determined and supervised by the Director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The clerk of this Court is ordered to issue to the director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice a death warrant in accordance with this sentence.

The defendant is to be given credit for time served in jail from 3/5/2011 to 10/16/2012.



HON. MIKE THOMAS
PRESIDING JUDGE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 4

October 16, 2012
Date Signed