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Accordian bound book installation, 180 panels, each panel 15 x 10cm, watercolour and pigment on gesso panels, 2014

BOOK ONE



Charles Flores On January 29, 1998, during the daytime hours, in Farmers Branch, Texas, Flores and codefendant, Richard Lynn Childs, murdered a 64-year old woman during the course of a burglary. Flores and Childs broke into the woman's house and shot her. Flores and Childs were looking for money but did not find any.



Robert Will On December 4, 2000, in Houston, Will, who was attempting to burglarize a vehicle, was being chased by a police officer. Once the officer reached Will and attempted to apply restraints to him, Will shot the officer seven times in the head, killing him.



Linda Carty On 05/16/2001 Carty and three co-defendants invaded the home of a 25 year old female. The victim and her three day old baby were kidnapped and two other victims were beaten, duct taped, and left in the residence. The 25 year old female was hog-tied with duct tape, a bag was taped over her head, and she was placed in the trunk of a car. This victim died from suffocation.



Britt Allen Ripkowski On January 22, 1997, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Ripkowski strangled a mother of a two-year-old girl. Ripkowski left the woman on the side of the road and then drove to Houston, Texas with her daughter. The child was smothered by Ripkowski on Christmas day. Ripkowski put her body in a suitcase and left it on the side of the road in Houston, Texas. The suitcase remained there for approximately one week, at which time, Ripkowski took the suitcase and buried it in a shallow grave.



Clarence Jordan Jordan was convicted of capital murder in the October 14, 1977, shooting death of 40-year-old Joe Williams, a clerk at a food store in Houston. A number of employees identified Jordan as the robber. He was later implicated in eight other aggravated robberies in the Houston area. Jordan has a history of bizarre behavior, claiming at one point that Jesus Christ had endowed him with unique and superior abilities.



Edgardo Cubas On January 19, 2002, in Harris County, Texas, Cubas and codefendants kidnapped a 15-year-old girl and took her to an open field where they sexually assaulted her and shot her in the head, resulting in her death.



Ruben Gutierrez On September 5, 1998, in Brownsville, Gutierrez and codefendants, Rene Garcia and Pedro Gracia Garza, Jr., killed an 85-year woman in her home. The victim, the owner of a mobile home park, was in her mobile home, which she also used as an office at the time of the offense. Gutierrez and his codefendants entered into the victim's office with the intent to rob her of money she kept in a safe. When Gutierrez and codefendants entered the office, the victim was struck one time in the head with the intent of knocking her out. When she struggled, she was repeatedly struck in the head multiple times with blows from fist and steel toe shoes. She was also stabbed multiple times in the head with a screwdriver. Autopsy reports indicate that multiple head bashing resulted in broken cheekbones and damage to the brain, resulting in death.



Erica Yvonne Sheppard Sheppard and codefendant James Dickerson spotted Marilyn Meagher carrying clothing from her car into her apartment and decided to rob her of her car. The pair tackled Meagher inside her apartment, and while she begged for her life, slashed her throat with knives five times. They then wrapped her head in a plastic bag and struck her in the head with a 10-pound statue.



Chris Shuffield On July 29, 2002, Shuffield and one codefendant went to the home of a 36-year-old man, retrieved a shotgun from his bedroom and shot him one time. Shuffield then got a .380 caliber pistol and shot the victim two more times, resulting in his death.



Aranda Arturo shot a law officer to death during a drug bust.

BOOK TWO



Richard Cobb On September 2, 2002, in Cherokee County, Texas, Cobb and a codefendant abducted three victims, a man and two women. They fatally shot the man then sexually assaulted and shot the two women and left their bodies in a field.



Deryl Madison was convicted in the April 1988 robbery and murder of Beulah Jolivet. The victim was stabbed with a knife and strangled with a cord.



Robert Campbell Campbell was convicted of the January 1991 abduction and murder of Alexandra Rendon in Houston. Rendon, a Bank One employee, was kidnapped from a Chevron station and driven to a desolate area. Campbell and codefendant Leroy Lewis robbed her of her money and jewelry and then raped her. Rendon was marched at gunpoint to a field and then told by Campbell to run. Campbell shot once at Rendon's head but missed. He then shot her in the back and left her to die. Lewis later gave police a taped confession. Rendon's body was found 12 days after the murder.



Ramiro Ibarra On March 6, 1987, Ibarra sexually assaulted and murdered a 16-year-old girl. The victim was looking after her two young nephews inside her home when she was attacked by Ibarra, a family acquaintance.

She was beaten, raped and then strangled with an electrical cord. When questioned, Ibarra was found with scratches on his face and torso. Skin from under the victim's fingernails was later identified as Ibarra's. He was released from custody after a judge suppressed certain evidence in the case. Legislative changes in laws ruling the presentation of evidence allowed prosecutors to pursue the case nearly 10 years later. Ibarra was arrested on October 10, 1996.



Thoredore Goynes was convicted in the October 1990 abduction, rape and murder of 25-year-old Linda Marie Tucker in Houston.

Tucker was abducted from the parking lot of a grocery store. Witnesses to the abduction followed Tucker's car, but soon lost site of it in traffic.

Goynes forced Tucker to drive to an abandoned apartment complex, where she was raped, robbed and shot in the head. Tucker's murder occurred on her birthday.



Gabriel Gonzales was convicted in the July 1994 murder of 57-year-old Louella Hilton during the robbery of a San Antonio pawn shop.

Hilton was working at the pawn shop when Gonzales and four accomplices smashed several glass cases and took nearly 30 guns. As Hilton attempted to run to the back room, Gonzales, a former Crips street gang member already armed with a pistol, fired several shots at her. One bullet passed through a door and struck her in the head.



Steven Long On May 21, 2005, in Dallas County, Long sexually assaulted and asphyxiated an 11-year-old girl.



Virgil Martinez On the night of October 1, 1996, Martinez fatally shot a 27-year-old woman, her two children, a three-year-old girl and a six-year-old boy, and an 18-year-old boy. Martinez and the woman dated for a short time while she was separated from her husband. After ending the relationship she told a neighbor that she was afraid of Martinez.

The same neighbor called 9-1-1 after the woman called for help and was shot shortly after when she tried to run away from Martinez. The 18-year-old boy was coming to her aid when Martinez shot him to death. The two children were also killed by Martinez.



Jamie Mc Coskey Kidnapping, rape and murder of a pregnant woman



Chelsea Richardson and her boyfriend, Andrew Wamsley, were convicted of capital murder in separate trials for the deaths of his parents. Authorities said Andrew Wamsley, Richardson and a friend, Susana Toledano, killed the couple so that Andrew Wamsley could inherit his parents' \$1.56 million estate.

Richardson was the only one to receive the death penalty (Now commuted to life sentence)

BOOK THREE



Joe Garza was convicted in the December 31, 1998 choking death of a 26-year-old man. Garza and the victim were partying in the victim's vehicle when Garza choked him to death with a rope and took his vehicle and money. Garza then dumped the victim's body on the street and fled the scene.



Brittany Holberg robbed and murdered an 80-year-old man in his home. The victim was struck with a hammer and stabbed nearly 60 times. The weapons used were a paring knife, butcher knife, grapefruit knife and a fork. A lamp pole had been shoved more than five inches down the victim's throat.



Robert Jennings was convicted in the July 1988 murder of a Houston police vice officer. Jennings and co-defendant David Lee Harvell had just finished robbing an adult movie theater when they decided to rob a book store. Jennings entered the store with Harvell's gun and found the police officer arresting the store clerk for a municipal violation. The clerk later told police that Jennings simply walked up to the officer and shot him twice, then a third time after the officer collapsed. After robbing the store, Jennings and Harvell fled. When Jennings told Harvell he had shot a "security guard," Harvell ordered him out of the car. Jennings refused and Harvell shot him once in the hand. Jennings was later found and arrested at the hospital.



George Rivas Leader of the Texas 7, seven inmates escaped from TDCJ, Rivas and 6 co-defendants robbed a sporting goods store at gunpoint. An Irving police officer was murdered outside the store as Rivas and co-defendants left the scene.



Michael Rodriguez Member of the Texas 7



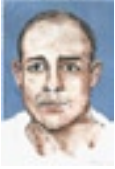
Patrick Murphy On December 24, 2000, in Irving, Texas, Murphy and six codefendants fatally shot a 31-year-old male police officer while on escape from the Texas Correctional Connally Unit.



Donald Newbury On December 24, 2000, in Irving, Texas, Murphy and six codefendants fatally shot a 31-year-old male police officer while on escape from the Texas Correctional Connally Unit.



Gregory Wright On March 21, 1997, in DeSoto, Wright broke into the home of a woman and stabbed her death. Wright then burglarized the victim's home and fled in her car.



Randy Halprin On December 24, 2000, in Irving, Texas, Halprin and six codefendants fatally shot a 31-year-old male police officer while on escape from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Connally Unit.



Ronald Chambers Chambers was convicted and sentenced to death for murdering Mike McMahon. Chambers and a companion abducted McMahon and his date, Deia Sutton, from a Dallas night club parking lot. The couple was robbed then shot and although they survived the initial attack, Chambers returned and beat McMahon to death when he heard him calling out for Deia. He was on death row for 31 years before dying of natural causes

BOOK FOUR



Brian Davis was convicted of the August 1991 murder of 31-year-old Michael Foster at his Humble, Texas apartment. Davis and codefendant Tina McDonald picked Foster up at a bar and drove him to his apartment. There, Foster, who was retarded, was stabbed 11 times, seven times in the heart. Foster's body was found three days later. Six days later David and McDonald picked up another man from a bar, robbed him and stabbed him. The man survived the attack.



Danny Dean Thomas On July 18, 1981, Danny Thomas and accomplice Zendol Peels stopped to help Sylvia Hamson, 19, whose car had stopped. After repairing the car both men followed her home. Once inside her house, Peels reportedly struck Hamson in the head with a pistol belonging to Thomas. Assuming she was dead, they placed her in the car and drove around Houston for three hours discussing what to do with the body. Hamson regained consciousness and managed to bite Thomas. Peels began hitting her in the head with a knife and ultimately shot her once in the head. Both men tied bricks to her body and dumped her in a river.



Timothy Cockrell was convicted of the murder and robbery of 35-year-old Sandra Deptawa. Deptawa's partially nude body was found laying face down in her bathtub. She had been bound and gagged then beaten and strangled. Cockrell, who had earlier helped Deptawa move some furniture, returned to her home to steal property to help pay for cocaine. He got into the house by telling Deptawa that he was there to fix a broken leg on a table he had helped move.



Arturo Diaz convicted of the killing robbery of a co-worker. At the autopsy it was revealed the the victim had 94 stab wounds.



Tim Cole was convicted of the December 1987 strangulation death of 66-year-old Raymond Richardson of San Angelo. Richardson, the grandfather of codefendant Kelly Hickey, was strangled in his home with a dog leash during an attempted robbery. Hickey reported the crime to police the next day.



Bobby Lee Hines was convicted in the October 1991 robbery and murder of 26-year-old Michelle Haupt. Haupt was stabbed repeatedly with an ice pick and strangled with a cord inside her Dallas apartment. Four packs of cigarettes, a bowl containing pennies and a gold charm were taken from the apartment. Hines was staying next door to Haupt in the apartment of the complex's maintenance man who had master keys to all of the units.



Lisa Coleman On August 28, 1991, during the daytime hours, Carpenter murdered a 52-year-old woman while burglarizing her home in Dallas, Texas. Carpenter kicked in the front door of the woman's home and cut her throat.



Steve Rodriguez was convicted of the murder of 79-year-old Agnes Herden during a burglary of her home in San Antonio. Rodriguez broke into the home and stabbed Herden six times with a hunting knife as she slept.



Joel Escobar On May 31, 1998, Escobedo fatally shot Guadalupe Garcia, 65, during a robbery at a bus stop in Houston. Escobedo was sentenced to death in Harris County in May 1999.



Joseph Gamboa was convicted of capital murder in the June 24, 2005, murders of Taco Land bar owner Ramiro “Ram” Ayala, 72, and bar employee Douglas Morgan, 53. Another employee, Denise Koger, 41, was shot but survived.

BOOK FIVE



Louis Perez On September 10, 1998, in Austin, Texas, Perez entered the home of a 38-year-old woman and her 10-year-old daughter. Also occupying the home was a 30-year-old woman. Perez struck the two women on the head with a cast iron skillet, resulting in their deaths. He then strangled the young girl with a pair of panty hose, also resulting in her death.



Suzanne Basso She was sentenced to die for the 1998 slaying of 59-year-old Louis “Buddy” Musso, whose battered and lacerated body, washed with bleach and scoured with a wire brush, was found in a ditch outside Houston. Prosecutors said Basso had made herself the beneficiary of Musso’s insurance policies and took over his Social Security benefits after luring him from New Jersey.



Donnie Roberts lived with the victim, Vickie Bowen, who was employed as a dental assistant. When she did not show up for work, a friend went to her home and found her body lying in a pool of blood, dead from two gunshot wounds to the head. Her television and her son’s truck were missing, along with football tickets, jewelry, and a money order. Roberts was a drunk, a cocaine addict, and was unemployed. He was found driving the victim’s son’s truck and had had sold the football tickets to buy cocaine on three occasions that day. Upon arrest, Roberts confessed to shooting Bowen when she refused to give him money for drugs.



Martin Nelson was convicted of the August 1987 slaying of James Howard. Howard reportedly approached Nelson in Houston and took him to his townhouse for sexual purposes. Once inside the townhouse, Nelson hit Howard with a metal bar and stabbed him repeatedly with a kitchen knife.



Manuel Garza Jr On Feb. 2, 2001, in San Antonio, Garza shot and killed a San Antonio police officer with the officer's gun, while the officer was attempting to arrest Garza on outstanding arrest warrants.



Nelson Wayne Mooney was convicted of capital murder in the shooting death of 63-year-old Raymond Garner of Houston. Garner was found floating in the water at Dayton Lake Estates. His body was covered by a blanket with a tire attached. Mooney and codefendant Ross Wayne Nix were arrested in Colorado in Garner's van, which had been spray painted black and had the license plate changed.



Warren Rivers was convicted of the May 1987 sexual assault and stabbing death of 11-year-old Carl Nance, Jr. in Houston. Nance was lured to an abandoned house where he was sexually assaulted and then beaten and sexually mutilated with a broomstick. The boy was stabbed four times in the back and chest with a knife. Rivers was arrested after people told police they saw him with the boy before the killing. Rivers later confessed to the crime.



Joshua Maxwell The body of Rudolfo Lopes, a sergeant with the Bexar County Sheriff's Department, was discovered in a field in San Antonio, blindfolded and his hands bound together. He had been shot once in the top of his head with a .9 mm handgun. Six days later, Maxwell and his girlfriend, Tess McFarland, were stopped after a police chase and running gun battle in downtown San Francisco. They were driving Lopes vehicle, which contained Lopes personal items and a .9 mm handgun later tested and found to be the handgun that had killed Lopes. Once arrested, Maxwell confessed to both killings. A month earlier, Maxwell and McFarland kidnapped Robbie Bott near Indianapolis and forced him to withdraw cash from automatic teller machines. The next day, Bott's car was found abandoned and aflame about fifteen minutes from his home. His charred, hogtied body was found in the trunk. The autopsy showed that he had been killed by a shot to the torso.



Jack Smith was convicted of the January 1978 shooting death of Roy Deputter during a robbery.



David Powell was convicted and sentenced to die for the May 18, 1978, machine gun slaying of 26-year-old police officer Ralph Ablanedo.

BOOK SIX



Ramiro Gonzales On January 15, 2001, in Medina County, Gonzales kidnapped an 18-year-old girl, sexually assaulted and fatally shot her.



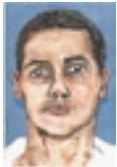
Charles Dean Hood was convicted in the November 1989 murders of Ronald Williamson and Williamson's girlfriend, Traci Wallace. The two were found shot to death inside Williamson's home.

Hood was living at Williamson's home and was also employed by him and his son.

Following the murders, Hood attempted to cash a \$400 check forged against Williamson's company account. He also stole Williamson's car, his jewellery and credit cards.



Victor Saldano was convicted of the November 1995 abduction and murder of Paul King. King was reportedly abducted from outside a convenience store and robbed of his cash and shot to death.



Justen Hall On October 28, 2002, in El Paso County, Texas, Hall strangled a woman to death with a black electrical cord.



Humberton Leal was convicted in the abduction, rape and bludgeoning death of a 16-year-old girl from San Antonio. The girl was raped with a piece of lumber and her head crushed by a 35-pound piece of asphalt after being abducted from a party by Leal. Her nude body was found near a creek with the piece of lumber still protruding from her body. When arrested, police found scratches and cuts on Leal's face and body.



Jedidiah Murphy On October 4, 2000, in Garland, Murphy forced his way into a car of a 79-year-old woman. After riding for about 30 minutes, Murphy forced the woman into the trunk of the car. The woman was shot while getting into the trunk. Murphy then drove her car to Van Zandt County, where she was removed from the trunk and drowned in a creek. Murphy later used the woman's credit cards to purchase alcohol and cigarettes.



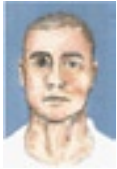
Kim Ly Lim was convicted in the robbery and execution-style slaying of Pixh Xhhuon, 19, and 5-year-old Priesty Chhay in Houston. Both victims were shot in the back of the head after Lim and two accomplices broke into their home. Also shot was 51-year-old Sameoeurn Phuong, who survived. Cheau Lay Sreng, the 46-year-old mother and grandmother of the two victims, was beaten along with a 14-month-old child. Both survived. Lim fled to California where he was arrested three months later.



David Carpenter On August 28, 1991, during the daytime hours, Carpenter murdered a 52-year-old woman while burglarizing her home in Dallas, Texas. Carpenter kicked in the front door of the woman's home and cut her throat.



Guy Alexander was convicted of the January 1989 robbery and murder of 75-year-old Wilma Jewel Wofford of Houston. Wofford was beaten with a brick and then strangled with a cord and cloth belt. She died of strangulation and head injuries. Alexander stole Wofford's property and then fled to Mississippi where he was arrested driving the victim's car.



Clinton Young fatally shot and killed two men, ages 52 and 41, in two separate incidents within a two day time span. Young killed both men so he could steal their cars.

BOOK SEVEN



Steven Staley was convicted in the October 1989 murder of 35-year-old Robert Read during the robbery of a Fort Worth restaurant. Staley and two accomplices pulled semi-automatic weapons after eating at a Steak & Ale restaurant. The trio rounded up 30 customers and six employees and demanded their wallets. Staley then forced Read, the restaurant's general manager, to open the safe and deposit the day's receipts in a briefcase. An employee managed to escape and alert police who then surrounded the building. The robbers took Read as hostage, stole a car and fled with police in pursuit. Read was shot in the head, chest and arm after being pulled inside the car by Staley. All three were arrested after a high-speed chase.



Darlie Routier was convicted of the June 1996 murder of her five-year-old son Damon inside the family's suburban Dallas home. Damon and his six-year-old brother Devon were stabbed to death while they slept with their mother in the downstairs family room. Routier's husband, Darin, and infant son, Drake, slept through the attack in upstairs bedrooms and were not harmed. Routier, who also suffered stab wounds that police claimed were self-inflicted, testified that she too slept through the attack on herself and her children and awoke only to see that back of a man fleeing the home. Prosecutors argued Routier killed her children because they interfered with the lifestyle she wanted to live.



Andre Thomas On March 27, 2004, in Grayson County, Texas, Thomas entered the home of his 20-year-old wife and fatally stabbed her. He then fatally stabbed his four-year-old son, and his 13-month-old step-daughter. Thomas then left the scene, walked home and stabbed himself three times in the chest. Thomas exhibited bizarre behavior before and after the murders, including blinding himself by removing his eyes and eating one. This has led to questions regarding his mental state and the legalities of him being sentenced to die.



Anthony Haynes On May 22, 1998, in Houston, Texas, Haynes and a codefendant shot and killed a Houston police officer



Virgilio Maldonado On November 12, 1995, in Houston, Maldonado and a co-defendant shot a man three times in the back of the head after robbing him of marijuana and a handgun



Eric Nenno was convicted in the rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl who he lured to his home. He choked her to death when she began to cry and resist, then raped her repeatedly. Nenno hid the girl's nude body in his attic. Neighbors went to police two days later and told them he had earlier been accused of fondling a child.



Moises Mendoza On 03/18/2004 in Collin County, Texas, Mendoza fatally strangled a 20 year old white female, took her body to a field behind his house and kept her there for several days until questioned by police. Mendoza then drove the body to a dirt pit in rural Collin County, set her body on fire and buried her under a brush pile.



Robert Fratta was convicted of the November 1994 murder-for-hire shooting death of his wife, Farah Fratta, 34. Fratta hired Joseph Prystash and Howard Guidry to kill his wife, who was shot twice in the head as she stepped from her car inside the garage of her home. Guidry, the triggerman, was to receive \$3,000 for the murder. Prystash was to receive Roberta's automobile. The killing occurred during the course of a custody battle between the victim and her husband.



Noah Espada On February 14, 2004, Noah Espada, at the time 20 years old, was fired from his job as a “barback” at the nightclub. Approximately two weeks later, Espada broke into an apartment at the Altamonte Apartments believing it to be the apartment of Luther Scott, the General Manager of Polly Esthers, with the intent to kill him. Upon entering the apartment, he discovered Sandra Ramos who was the true occupant of the apartment. After talking to Ramos for nearly half an hour, Espada killed her to prevent her from disrupting his plan to kill Scott. A few days later, on March 2, 2004, Espada returned to the apartment complex, broke into Scott’s apartment, and waited for him to return from work. When Scott came home, Espada shot him to death.



Jonathon Reed was convicted of the November 1978 rape-slaying of 26-year-old Wanda Wadle, a Braniff International flight attendant. Wadle was raped in her Dallas apartment where she was found nude, bound and unconscious. She died a week later from injuries suffered when choked with a belt and telephone cord.

BOOK EIGHT



Gene Hathorn and James Bethard murdered Gene Hathorn, Sr., 45, Linda Sue Hathorn, 35, and their 14-year-old son, Marcus in their home. They ransacked the home and removed two VCRs and several guns and a van to give the appearance of a robbery. Bethard’s motive was the promise of remuneration from the estate (\$12,500). After the killings Gene Hathorn learned that his father had cut him out of his will.



Douglas Feldman On August 24, 1998, in Plano, Texas, Feldman fatally shot a man driving an 18-wheel truck. Witnesses observed Feldman ride up beside the truck on a motorcycle and fire multiple shots into the cab of the truck, dropping back and again returning and firing additional shots into the cab of the truck. Reports indicate that a total of 12 shots were fired into the truck resulting in the death of driver. Approximately 30 minutes later, in Dallas, Texas, Feldman rode up beside a parked 18-wheel truck and fatally shot another man. Four shots were fired on this occasion, resulting in the death of the victim.



Karl Chamberlain was a resident of the same apartment complex and had gone to the victim’s apartment under the pretense of borrowing sugar. Chamberlain left the apartment and returned minutes later with duct tape and a rifle. Chamberlain entered the apartment, displayed the weapon to the victim, and forced the victim into a bedroom. Chamberlain taped her hands and feet, and sexually assaulted her. Chamberlain took the victim into the bathroom and shot her one time in the head with a .30 caliber rifle, then left. Police questioned Chamberlain the night of the murder, but he was not arrested until five years later, after a fingerprint search returned his name as a possible match.



Gustavo Garcia was convicted in the shotgun slaying of Craig Turski, 43, during the robbery of a beverage store. Turski, a store clerk, was shot in the head and right side. Garcia was arrested following a second robbery at a Texaco station. Police found Garcia hiding in the beer cooler and his codefendant, Christopher Vargas, standing over the station attendant after he had been shot once in the back of the head.



Scott Panetti was convicted of the September 1992 shooting deaths of his in-laws, Joe and Amanda Alvarado. Panetti, armed with a rifle, forced his way inside the couple's home and assaulted his wife who was staying there with her three-year-old daughter. Confronted by his in-laws, Panetti shot both of them and then kidnapped his wife and daughter, taking them to a cabin where he held them at gunpoint before releasing them. Arrested the same day, Panetti told police that it was his alter ego "Sarge" who did the killing.



William Speer On July 11, 1997 at the Telford Unit in Bowie County, Speer strangled to death a prison inmate in the victim's cell.



James Bigby was convicted of the deaths of 26-year-old Michael Trezell and 17-week-old infant Jayson Kehler. The victims were two of four people killed during a seven hour murder spree by Bigby in Fort Worth and Arlington. Bigby suffocated the infant with a piece of cellophane and then placed the child face down in a sink full of water. Trezell was shot in the head



Billy Ray Nelson was convicted of the rape and murder of 18-year-old Charla Wheat. Nelson entered Wheat's home and forced Wheat and her roommate, Carol Maynard, 20, to perform various sex acts after threatening them with a knife. Nelson stabbed Maynard, who was six months pregnant, once in the neck. He then stabbed Wheat 13 times. Maynard played dead and was able to go for help after Nelson left. Nelson lived next door to the women and returned home to shower and change clothes following the attack.



Brent Brewer was convicted of the April 1990 robbery and slaying of 66-year-old Robert Laminack of Amarillo. Laminack was approached by Brewer and codefendant Krystie Nystrom, outside his business and asked if he could give them a ride to the local Salvation Army Office. While in route, Brewer produced a knife and stabbed Laminack to death. Brewer and Nystrom took Laminack's wallet containing \$140 in cash and fled to the apartment of a friend, where they changed clothing. Brewer suffered a deep cut to his palm during the assault and was driven to a hospital for treatment. He and Nystrom then fled to Red Oak, Texas where they were arrested on May 8, 1990.



Lester Bower was convicted on four counts of capital murder in the October 8, 1983, shooting deaths of four men at an ultralight airplane hangar near Sherman. The bodies were found at one of the victim's ranch. Parts of an ultralight plane missing from the hangar were later found in Bower's garage in Arlington. Authorities said Bower killed one of the men in order to steal an ultralight he had advertised to sell for \$4,000 and then killed the three other men when they showed up unexpectedly at the hangar.

BOOK NINE



Larry Swearingen Melissa Trotter disappeared from Montgomery College on December 8, 1998. Her body was found nearly a month later in the Sam Houston National Forest with a piece of pantyhose around her neck. She had been strangled.



Christopher Jackson On December 5, 2005, in Harris County, Jackson robbed a man of his vehicle at gunpoint. Jackson fled the scene in the vehicle, but returned moments later and fatally shot the victim at point-blank range.



Michael James Perry On October 24, 2001, in Montgomery, Texas, Perry and one codefendant fatally shot a 50-year-old woman, a 17-year-old male and an 18-year-old male, with a shotgun.



Licho Escamilla On 11/25/2001, in Dallas, Escamilla was engaged in a fight in the parking lot of a nightclub. When Dallas City police officers arrived to stop the fight, Escamilla shot an adult white male police officer two times. The officer died en-route to the hospital.



Jose Briseno was convicted of the January 1991 murder of Dimmit County Sheriff Ben “Doc” Murray. Murray was killed inside his home following a violent struggle with Briseno and accomplice Alberto Gonzalez. The sheriff suffered numerous stab wounds inflicted with a butcher knife found buried in his chest. He had also been shot once in the head. Briseno and Gonzalez reportedly killed Murray to avenge previous arrests he had made against them.



Donnie Banks was convicted of the April 1980 murder of Wayne Whitehead, 16, who was shot twice in the head in a park in Nash, Texas. Prosecutors contended Banks shot Whitehead and stole the youth’s car to drive to Dallas.



Irvan Williams On February 14, 1987, in Harris County, Texas, Irvan entered the home of a 24-year-old woman, sexually assaulted her and stabbed her multiple times, resulting in her death.



Kelly Allen On May 10, 2000, in Houston, Allen sexually assaulted and murdered a two-year-old girl in her home. The mother of the victim had left her four children under the care of Allen while she went to work. The cause of victim's death was determined to be blunt force trauma to the abdomen and chest.



Arthur Brown was convicted of the execution-style slaying of four people inside a Houston residence. Brown and two accomplices entered the home of Jose Tovar and tied him and five others with bed sheets and placed each in separate rooms. He and codefendant Marion Dudley then shot each in the back of the head. Killed were Tovar, Jessica Quinones, Tovar's 19-year-old daughter in law who was seven months pregnant and Audrey Brown, a neighbor of Tovar. Two others survived. Police said Brown had been buying drugs from Tovar and his wife and that the shootings were related to their transactions. Brown was arrested four months later in possession of a loaded 9mm pistol



John Battaglia On May 12, 2001, Battaglia shot and killed his two daughters, ages six and nine. The mother of the children was on the phone with the older daughter at the time of the offense and heard the gunshots.

“ My will to truth, walks with your will to give a Foucault. “ Will Elijah save him now?