

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CRIMINAL ACTION

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 06-019906 B - (TSR)

vs.

KEMAR MANLEY JOHNSTON

EXCERPT TRANSCRIPT OF CLOSING ARGUMENTS

Before the Honorable Thomas S. Reese,
Circuit Judge, at a hearing in the above-
styled action, held at the Lee County
Justice Center, Fort Myers, Florida, on
January 28, 2010.

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1 (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TRANSCRIPT THE PRECEDING PROCEEDINGS
2 WERE NOT TRANSCRIBED.)

3 THE COURT: State may proceed.

4 MS. DOERR: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 Good morning.

6 THE JURY: Good morning.

7 MS. DOERR: I want to start out by saying we all
8 thank you very much for this tremendous commitment that
9 you've made over the last few weeks, and we all
10 understand that this is not easy to give up your lives
11 and your families and your friends and your jobs and
12 whatever other commitments that you may have in your
13 lives, and we all do really thank you.

14 As you probably have heard throughout the trial,
15 there have been other trials in this case with other
16 defendants, and I've done several closing arguments, and
17 when I started to write out my closing argument for this
18 case, I started to proceed the same way, but I heard
19 something in this case that I had not heard in any other
20 one --

21 MR. LENAMON: Objection, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 MS. DOERR: -- William Arciszewski took the stand
24 and he called himself and his friends a reject
25 orphanage - remember that phrase, reject orphanage.

1 All of these people, all of these friends who come
2 in and out are all looking for some place, someone, some
3 direction, they all want to be part of something. And
4 this is a group of Mr. Johnston's friends who really
5 does not much more than drink all day and take drugs all
6 day and sell drugs all day. They're looking for
7 direction.

8 This case, as you probably heard, has just about
9 everything in it, every component you can think of, and
10 all of them awful. If you take just one act that was
11 done to just one of these victims, I mean, it's enough
12 to make you cringe. But when you look at the whole
13 picture of what happened to these two individuals that
14 night at Mr. Johnston's house and then, later, in the
15 industrial park, it's almost uncomprehensible.

16 The Defense, in their opening statement, said - he
17 told you, This was to be a celebration of life -
18 remember that phrase, a celebration of life, which,
19 apparently, was going to be celebrated by seeing who
20 could drink the most, smoke the most, and pop the most
21 pills. But, nevertheless, this celebration of life
22 starts out at a 20th birthday party at Kemar Johnston's
23 and it leads to a torture session and a double murder of
24 two young people.

25 And, remember, nine people were indicted on first