

## The Trial of Gill Teeman

Bailiff: All rise. The honorable Judge Goodanuff presiding. (After Judge is seated) You may all be seated.

Judge: We are ready to hear Case number 45296: The State versus Gill Teeman. Are both parties present and ready to begin?

Defense Lawyer: Yes we are, Your Honor.

Prosecution: We are also, Your Honor.

Judge: The prosecution may now make their opening statement.

Prosecution: Thank you, Your Honor. Ladies and gentlemen of the jury. This morning, the great state of Arkansas intends to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the accused is indeed guilty of the horrific crimes that he has been accused of. We further intend to prove that he is deserving of the most severe punishment possible. Thank you.

Judge: The defense will now make their statement.

Defense: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, there has been a travesty of justice here. We intend to prove that the accused is not only not guilty of the crimes which he has been accused of, but is instead, to be praised for his actions. Thank you.

Judge: Gill Teeman, will you please rise and face the court. Mr. Teeman, you stand accused of breaking and entering, kidnapping, and intent to do severe bodily harm to another individual. How do you plead?

Gill: Not guilty, Your Honor.

Judge: Be seated. The prosecution may now begin. Call your first witness.

Prosecution: The prosecution calls Gill Teeman to the stand.

(Gill Teeman takes the stand. Bailiff places Bible in front of him and says...)

Bailiff: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Gill: I do.

Prosecution: Mr. Teeman, I am going to ask you a series of questions. I want a simple yes or no answer. Do you understand?

Gill: Yes, I do.

Prosecution: Very well, then, let's begin. On the evening of August 14<sup>th</sup>, did you kick down the back door of the house at 2493 Morning Glory Lane, and then enter that residence?

Gill: Yes I did.

Prosecution: Is it correct that there was no one else in the house?

Gill: No, there was a young girl upstairs.

Prosecution: After entering the house, did you go up the stairs in search of the young girl.

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: After locating the bedroom of the young girl, did you enter it?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: Did she scream.

Gill: Yes she did.

Prosecution: And did you walk over to her and place your hand over her mouth.

Gill: Yes sir I did.

Prosecution: And then you picked her up and hurried out of the house as fast as you could?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: Did she want to go with you?

Gill: No.

Prosecution: And then you placed her laying down in the back seat of your car and drove off.

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: We will hear testimony later that you were seen driving erratically and at a very high rate of speed. Is this also true?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: You then took her to a large building and found a vacant room, where you turned her over to another man. Is that true?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: And then you stood by and watched as that man plunged a very sharp knife into her abdomen.

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: And you approved of this?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: And you were totally aware that this would be painful for her?

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: Later, we will hear testimony that you left the building without the young girl.

Gill: Yes.

Prosecution: Do you feel any remorse for your actions?

Gill: No.

Prosecution: That is all for now, Your Honor.

Judge: The accused may step down.