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TRIAL COURT CAUSE NO. 26162

STATE OF TEXAS * IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL
 VS * DISTRICT COURT OF
 ROBERT LESLIE ROBERSON * ANDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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On the 4th day of September 2002, the following proceedings came on to be heard in the above entitled and numbered cause before the Honorable Bascom W. Bentley, III, Judge Presiding, held in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas.

Proceedings reported by Computerized Machine Shorthand.

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2 (Proceedings of this date were conducted at
3 (the Civic Center in Palestine, Anderson
4 (County, Texas)

4 (Open court, defendant, and venire panel present)

5 THE COURT: If the jurors will please take their
6 seats. Let me first welcome you here. A lot of you are
7 probably wondering why you're reporting here. Well, the simple
8 reason is with the nature of the case that we have, we have to
9 call out an extra large jury panel. This is the only room that
10 will accommodate the number of people that we need to call. You
11 are the remnants of 750 jurors who were summoned for jury duty
12 today and I thank each and everyone of you for being here.
13 Ladies and gentlemen, let me say at the outset that this is a
14 very important case. And let me say at the outset it is a case
15 in which the State of Texas is seeking the death penalty, so we
16 have our work cut out for us. This is the fifth or sixth case
17 that I've ever tried that involves the death penalty. And I can
18 tell you that as someone said, death is different. We have to
19 do a lot of things different, including individual voir dire,
20 which means that those of you who are not disqualified will be
21 called in later and will be interviewed individually. We'll
22 probably do about eight jurors a day. Now, let me tell you some
23 other things. First of all, I'm a little bit embarrassed being
24 up here. This is not-- I don't know that I ever wanted to be
25 center stage in the spotlight, but I know I didn't want to do it