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SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY
CRIMINAL DIVISION
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

STATE OF INDIANA,

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Plaintiff,

v

CAUSE 45G02-1004-MR-00007

DOUGLAS ALLEN THOMPSON,

BO: 6-28-1948

Defendant.

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ORDER

12-01-11

The State of Indiana appears by Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys Aleksandra Dimitrijevic and Sabrina Haney. The defendant, Douglas Allen Thompson, appears in person and with Attorneys Steven Mullins and Nicholas Barnes. The defendant having been found guilty by a jury on the 3rd day of November, 2011, the Court having entered judgment on the verdict for conviction of the offense of Murder, a Felony.

SENTENCING STATEMENT: the property of the Lake County Recorder!

Having considered the written presentence investigation report, the contents of which the Court incorporates by reference, as well as I.C. 35-38-1-4.3 and I.C. 35-38-1-7.1, the Court enters the following findings and sentence:

FINDINGS:

Aggravating Circumstances:

1. The Court finds the nature and circumstances of the crime to be a significant aggravating factor in that the defendant, who is a 6'3" 235 lb male, savagely and mercilessly murdered his wife of 41 years in their home by striking her on the head numerous times with a blunt object. The blows were so severe that her skull was completely cracked open and shattered into pieces. The blood loss was massive which indicates that she suffered before dying. This was a bludgeoning of such severity that it shocks the senses, a crime committed in a hateful and shockingly evil manner without provocation. The victim was murdered in her own home, the one place where she should have felt safe and at the hands of the person she should have been able to trust the most. The defendant attempted to cover up the crime by staging a burglary and showed no compassion to his children after the murder was discovered. He even allowed his daughter to discover the body by later pretending he could not reach his wife by phone while at the daughter's home. The defendant attempted to conceal his culpability by

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hiding his bloody clothing and has shown a total lack of remorse for the crime. This was an affluent family and as of the date of sentencing, this defendant is more concerned about his finances than the crime he committed and the pain that he caused his family as evidenced by his comments in the Presentence Investigation Report. The Court considers this defendant to be the worst of the worse, a totally narcissistic individual possessed of a depraved moral character.

Mitigating Circumstances:

1. The defendant has no history of delinquency or criminal activity, and the defendant has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period before the commission of the crime. However, given the nature and circumstances of his crime, this fact is not accorded any mitigating weight for purposes of sentencing. Indeed, there was evidence presented at trial and at sentencing tending to show that the defendant had assaulted the victim in the past.

After presentation of evidence and hearing argument, the court finds that the aggravating factors outweigh the mitigating factors.

SENTENCE:

The Court now sentences the defendant as follows:

The defendant is now ordered committed to the custody of the Department of Correction for classification and confinement in a medium security facility for a period of sixty-five (65) years.

Pursuant to I.C. 35-38-1-5(b), the Court notes that it currently cost an average of \$53.96 per day to house an adult inmate at the Indiana Department of Corrections. The defendant's sentence calls for an executed term of imprisonment of 23,725 days. Accordingly, the estimated total cost to incarcerate the defendant for this term of imprisonment is \$1,288,201.00. This estimated cost does not include reductions which will result if the defendant is eligible to receive credit for time served in confinement prior to conviction, credit time earned to date or in the future, or any other credits against the sentence. The estimated cost also does not reflect any future changes in the cost of incarceration.

The defendant is to receive credit for **598** days spent in confinement as a result of this charge, plus **598** days of good time credit as provided by law for a total of **1,196** days credit toward the sentence of imprisonment.

The defendant shall pay a court costs fee, which the Court orders reduced to a judgment against the defendant.

The defendant has been advised of his postconviction relief rights and appeal rights and advised the court that he wishes to appeal and has insufficient funds to hire his own lawyer. An Appellate Public Defender is appointed counsel at public expense to represent the defendant in the direct appeal. The clerk is directed to notify the Chief Public Defender of the defendant's request for appeal.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the Sheriff of Lake County for execution of the judgment of the court. The clerk is directed to notify the Sheriff of Lake County. Cause is disposed. (Marianna Runkle reporting.)

SO ORDERED: Clarence D. Murray
CLARENCE D. MURRAY, JUDGE, ROOM II (Sjm)

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CERTIFICATION OF CLERK As legal custodian I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original on file with this office in the cause stated thereon. Witness my hand and the seal of the court this <u>13th</u> day of <u>December</u> 20 <u>11</u> . <u>Marianna Runkle</u> Clerk of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts By: <u>[Signature]</u> Deputy Clerk
