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State of California vs. Martin V. Johnson

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Defendant Age: 45 (at time of crime)

Date of Crime: 2-17-1997

Defense Attorneys: Jeffrey Stonebraker and Christopher Sturgeon

Prosecutors: Steven Stewart and William Grimes

Charges: 3 counts of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide (Murder)

Aggravating Circumstances: 1) Multiple Murders, Intentional Murder during commission of Robbery.

Victims: John Crusoe (age 45), Barbara Smith (age 67), Thomas Reynolds (age 33)

Appeals: Johnson v. State and Johnson v. United States

**Case Description:**

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1. Do you support the death penalty? YES NO
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WISCONSIN TEXAS OTHER

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