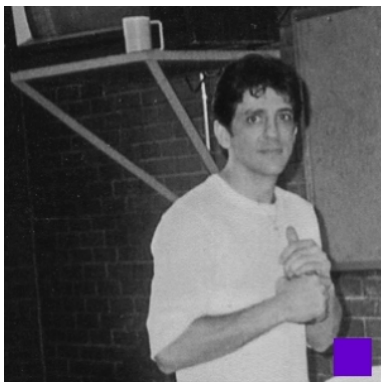


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First Christmas on Death Row 1995

*“WHAT YOU SEE HERE REPRESENTS
WHAT THE STATE OF TEXAS
HAS TAKEN FROM ME IN 27 YEARS
ON DEATH ROW
FOR A TRIPLE MURDER
I DID NOT COMMIT.”*



Hank Skinner

In 1993, Hank Skinner 31 (5'9", 145 lbs) lived with his girlfriend Twila Busby 41 (6'0") and her two grown sons, Elwin 'Scooter' Caler 22 (6'6", 245 lbs) and Randy Busby 20 (6'1", 160 lbs) at 804 E. Campbell in Pampa, TX.

On New Year's Eve 1993 they had been celebrating and playing board games all afternoon. They called their friend Howard Mitchell that evening to take them to his New Year's Eve party to watch the ball drop in Times Square on TV.

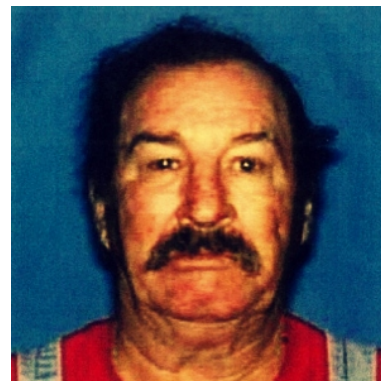
Before Howard arrived Hank mistakenly drank from Twila's cup and ingested the bulk of 13 Fiorinal #4 pills with codeine that Twila had put in her drink of vodka and orange juice. Hank is intolerant/allergic to codeine in any dose, and it is well documented in his medical records. Hank became very sick shortly thereafter, passed out cold and unresponsive to any external stimuli.

Howard arrived to take them to his party. He pulled on Hank's arm until he lifted Hank's torso off the couch while shaking him and hollering loudly "Wake up man! Come on Hank! Let's go!" But Hank was so out of it that Howard got no response at all, and later testified that, to him, Hank appeared to be "kind of comatose" and that he knew Hank could not have recovered from that state within an hour to jump up and brutally murder Twila, Scooter, and Randy.

Howard took only Twila to his party. Her Uncle Bob Donnell was also present and began stalking and agitating Twila, whom he'd raped several times in the recent past, he considered himself to be her suitor and was very aggressively jealous of Twila's relationship with Hank. Hank and Scooter had recently banished Donnell from their home and bade him to never return because they had caught Donnell choking Twila while slamming her repeatedly into a kitchen wall.

Twila became upset over Uncle Bob's unwanted salacious advances and asked Howard to take her home, and he did. Five minutes after they left, Donnell also left, and his whereabouts from 11:15pm to dawn the next morning, were never investigated. Shortly after Howard dropped Twila at home, she, Scooter, and Randy were attacked and murdered.

Twila was strangled unconscious and beaten to death with a pick axe handle. Scooter and Randy were stabbed to death, apparently with knives out of their kitchen that were used to make sandwiches and which laid on a folded cup towel on the counter by the sink.



Uncle 'Bob Donnell' whom we believe to be the actual killer

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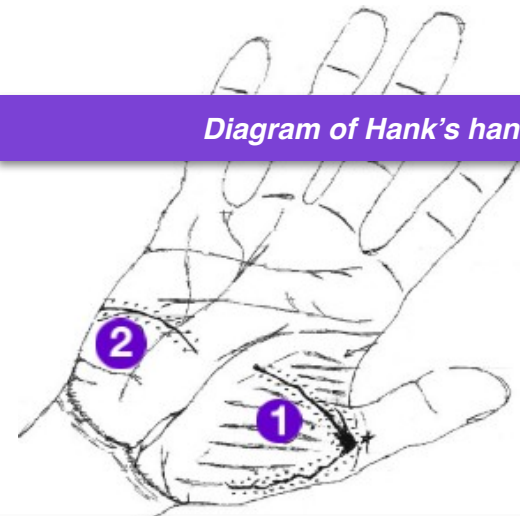
Hank was roused by a mortally wounded Scooter, who sprinkled water in Hank's face to revive him, helped him get dressed and led him through the house, stopping in Scooter and Randy's bedroom to check on Randy. Scooter leaned Hank on the dresser to free his hands. Hank could not stand or walk unassisted in his condition. A neurotoxicologist later attested that, at the time of the murders, Hank had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .33 to .35 and .88 to 1.02 mg/dl of codeine in his blood, a potentially lethal dose in and of itself. Not even considering his intolerance to codeine in any dose at all. Hank fell on the floor. Scooter had to pick him up as Hank tried to pull himself up by grabbing the door jamb, but could not. Somewhere in these events Hank sustained a wound to his already injured right hand, cutting the outside edge of his hand to the bone. It bled profusely and later took 8 stitches to close.

5 1/2 months before these murders, Hank's hand was injured in a car shop accident which nearly severed his thumb. Due to poor medical treatment the wound became infected, ultimately requiring several courses of antibiotics and outpatient surgery to correct and heal. At the time of the murders Hank had just gotten the stitches and drainage tube out and had very limited movement in his fingers due to atrophy. His thumb was frozen in place and inoperable. Hank was missing 38% of the muscle mass and tissue from this injury, and he is right handed. Even after years of therapy, Hank has, in his right hand, less than half the strength of his left. An expert testified that for a normal person, you'd expect 15-25% more strength in the dominant hand. Additionally, Hank was suffering from 5 broken ribs, and could not raise his arms above his chest.

Whoever killed Twila, on the upswing of the pick axe handle, broke the ceiling fan light globes. Crime scene photos/videos confirm this as curved shards of glass littered the floor. Hank believes that, rising off the couch and unable to keep his balance, he fell on the floor, throwing out his hands to catch himself, landed on a glass shard, and cut his distal palm to the bone.

New evidence that has come to light since the state police lab finally conducted DNA testing in 2012 to 2013 suggests that Hank may have also been cut by the assailant as he attempted to flee the scene. Either way, there is no question that Hank was also a surviving victim and not the killer.

Diagram of Hank's hand



Injury #1 is the partially healed pre existing wound that crippled his hand

HERE ARE SOME OF THE FACTS AND EVIDENCE POINTING TO HANK'S ACTUAL INNOCENCE:



Bob Donnell's jacket found at the scene lying beside victim Twila's body

1. Beside Twila's body was found a man's X-LG 44-46 windbreaker jacket, which has been positively identified as belonging to Twila's Uncle Bob by a disinterested witness, a hospice care worker who attended Donnell's ailing wife. The forensic criminalist who examined the evidence said this jacket had medium velocity blood impact spatter, all over the cuffs and forearms of the sleeves, indicating it was worn by the assailant at the time of the murders. The jacket had reddish blonde hairs in the collar. Hank is black headed, now turning grey after being on death row since 1995. Although this jacket was given an evidence number, sealed in a large bag and booked into evidence, the state mysteriously 'lost' it. The one piece of evidence that would exonerate Hank has vanished into thin air. No one is being held accountable for this unacceptable break in the chain of custody.

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2. In the pooled blood by Twila's head are footwear impressions of a paramilitary boot, sized 11 1/2 to 12. Hank wears a size 9 to 9 1/2. This bloody footprint continues across the living room and out onto the porch where the knife, the state says is a murder weapon, lies perpendicular across one of the bloody footprints. Hank was wearing only socks and owned no boots.
3. A fully articulated bloody handprint is on the front porch storm door leading out of the house and has never been identified, although in the custody of the sheriff, the hand print was scraped off the glass.
4. The second knife from the kitchen was found in a trash bag partially concealed under the edge of the couch. The bag had fingerprints in blood that were not Hank's. Inside the bag, the knife was wrapped in a bloody cup towel with other stains smeared on it as if someone used it to wipe their hands. The stains were DNA tested and provided a partial third party unknown male profile. The blood stains were from the victim Twila Busby's. Hank Skinner is excluded as a contributor to any of these stains.
5. The knife, the state claims is the murder weapon, has the blood/DNA of major contributors to the profiles of Scooter and Randy on the blade, with a minor partial of Hank's DNA, indicating he was a victim of the assailant as well.
6. In Scooter and Randy's room a blood cast off stain was on the carpet by the bunk beds where Randy was killed in the top bunk. One can look at the stain in relation to where Randy lay and see it is about the width of a human body and arm, which the killer swept down in an arc toward his side after delivering the fatal stabbing and slung the blood on the carpet off the knife's blade. Testing of this stain revealed it is the blood/DNA of Scooter and Randy, mixed with an partial 3rd party male unknown profile. Hank Skinner is excluded as a contributor to these profiles.
7. The only place Randy and Scooter's blood was mixed together on the night of the murders, out of the total 196 stains tested, was on the knife the state says is the murder weapon. Ergo, there is no question that this carpet blood stain came off the knife mere seconds after the third and final murder of Randy, according to the state's trial scenario. At that time Hank's blood/DNA was not on the knife. If it were, it would most certainly have to be in that carpet stain.
8. Hank was convicted in part because DA John Mann told the jury that Hank's hand was cut in a stabbing event with Randy face down in the top bunk where Hank's hand, already slick with Scooter's blood, from having stabbed him after killing Twila, stabbing Randy hit bone in his shoulder blade and abruptly stopped causing Hank's hand to slide down the knives blade, cutting his hand. The medical examiner testified this superficial wound to Randy was one of the 1st because it had ample bleeding into it, indicating he still had intact circulation. So, after injury, Hank would've had to remain upright over Randy for the additional injuries that killed him. All of this was tested. Hank's blood/DNA was not present in any location there.
9. All of the bloody handprints Hank left 'throughout the house' as the state alleges, from the kitchen to the bedroom where Hank fell and grabbed the door jamb, to the back doorknobs, the last thing Hank touched exiting the house, have all been DNA tested. In each and every location the blood is no one's but Hank's. No blood of any victim is on Hank's hands. Were Hank the murderer, this would not be possible because the evidence shows that the knife was driven into Scooter and Randy so forcefully that part of the handle entered the wound, about one and a half of it. There is thus no way Hank could have committed these acts without getting their blood all over his hands. The knives were twisted at a maximum insertion in order to increase the damage done. With Hank's injuries he could not have held onto the knife sufficiently to even stab someone, much less twist it in this way.
10. The knife on the front porch, that the state claims is the murder weapon, was found there, as stated covered in Scooter and Randy's blood. The state claims Hank stabbed Scooter there and dropped the knife when Scooter fled, and Hank locked the door behind him from the inside. Because the knife has Randy's blood on it, this had to have happened after Randy was stabbed, where the state alleged Hank self injured when the knife hit bone. Yet Hank's blood is not on any of the front door knobs or facings/jambes, nor on the door lock latch and no dripped blood from Hank is present anywhere in this entire area. The gripping portion of the handle of the knife has unknown fingerprints in blood. The knife was found lying on top of a bloody boot print while Hank only wore socks.

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11. Thus, the blood of any victim is not mixed with Hank's at any location throughout the scene, nor on the clothes he put on to leave the house and the blood of any victim was not found on Hank's hands. If Hank were the murderer, these things would not be possible. All three victims were killed in close, hand-to-hand events with mechanical implements. The above stated facts irrefutably show that Hank never touched the knives or the pick axe handle on the night of the murders.
12. Hairs 'clutched' in the victim, Twila Busby's hands were curly, light blonde to reddish blonde, .5 inch to 3 inches long, dissimilar to the hair standards taken from all three victims at autopsy in color, texture, and cross-section. Only Uncle Bob had hair this length and color at the time of the murder. These hairs were found sticking up from between Twila's knuckles and caught underneath her ring. DA John Mann said he "believed Twila tore those hairs from the head of her assailant during the struggle for her life, which she ultimately lost." These hairs were tested for MTDNA. The results showed that the hairs came from a maternal relative of Twila Busby. 'Uncle Bob' was her maternal uncle. The morning of the murders the police arrived at Donnell's residence to inform him that his niece and grand nephews were dead. Bob said only "ok", never showed any emotion at all and just went on about his business as if it were an ordinary day. Then he got a bucket, astringent cleaners, a brush, a water hose and tools, took the seats, door panels, carpets, floor mats and liner out of his old clunker truck and gave it a maniacal scrubbing for hours, put it back together, scrubbed the outside body. He never before washed the truck in the 5 years he had it. Robert 'Uncle Bob' Donnell was a man who had to be told by his wife (and/or others) when to take a bath, when she couldn't stand to smell him anymore.
13. On the night of the murders the medical examiner (M.E.) Elizabeth Peacock was called to the crime scene to view the bodies in situ (as/where found). She immediately noticed that Twila had skin rolled up under her nails and 'organic matter' (blood) caught there. She and the lead detective on the case immediately bagged Twila's hands. She then told the DA John Mann who was also present, "When you find the person who did this, he's going to have some really deep scratches or gouges which bled, somewhere on his upper body; she got him good, going down. Likely on his face, neck, chest or upper arms." When Hank was arrested 4 hours later at a nearby neighbor's house where he'd gone for help, he was immediately stripped and photographed. Other than the cut to his hand, Hank had no scratches, gouges or marks on his upper body anywhere. It should have been obvious then and there that Hank Skinner was not the person who committed the murders, but the sheriff, Randy Stubblefield, and DA, John Mann, had already decided to frame Hank due to their personal animus, bias and prejudice against him. Hank worked for a local criminal defense lawyer who knew enough dirt on them to keep them at bay, but these murders presented an enticing opportunity to neutralize Hank forever and be rid of him, so they took it.
14. Twila was strangled by hands so powerful that they left 1/8th inch to 1/4 inch permanent finger indentations in the flesh of her neck, broke the hyoid and cricoid bones in her throat and crushed her larynx. She was strangled in the classic throttling position, thumbs overlaced, fingers splayed around either side of her neck, the M.E. said. With the injuries Hank suffered at the time, he could not have performed these physical feats of strength, dexterity, and violence.

DUE TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT HANK SKINNER DID NOT AND INDEED COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE COMMITTED THE MURDERS.

Despite this multitude of exculpatory elements, on October 5, 2022 the Texas court of criminal appeals rejected Hank's last appeal, thus blocking the way to the truth and leaving him with very few options to finally prove his innocence and regain his freedom.

The State of Texas has set a new execution date for Hank on September 13, 2023.

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