

New Year's Eve Nightmare

On 12-31-1993, at approximately 10:00PM Hank Skinner lay semi-comatose on the couch at the house he shared with his girlfriend Twila Busby and her two grown sons, after accidentally ingesting codeine pills in Twila's drink; Hank is intolerant to codeine in any dose. Their friend Howard arrived to take them to his party but Hank was out cold. Howard left only with Twila. Her uncle Bob was at the party and began making crude sexual advances. Agitated, she left with Howard to go home. Five minutes later uncle Bob left and his whereabouts from that time (11:00PM) until the next day were never investigated.

Shortly after she arrived home someone came in and bludgeoned her to death with a pick ax handle after strangling her unconscious, then stabbed her sons to death, Scooter, 22 and Randy, 20. A wounded Scooter roused Hank by sprinkling water in his face, helped him get dressed and they left the house together after going to the back room to check on Randy, whom they found dead in his bunk.

Hank could not stand or walk unassisted and fell several times in the house and outside. Scooter left him in the alley and went to a neighbor's house for help. Unable to wake them, he sat down on their porch and died.

Hank ended up at another neighbor's house down the street. The police found him there four hours later and immediately blamed him for the murders.

Hank has always professed his innocence.

Hank was tried and convicted by an unscrupulous district attorney John Mann who threatened and coerced the neighbor to falsely swear that Hank confessed, telling her that if she did not comply he would charge her as an accessory, take her kids, send her to prison for life and force her 12 year old daughter to testify in her place. Neighbor Andrea Reed fully recanted her forced deposition. Hank has been on Texas death row since March 1995 while, as of now, the texecutioner killed 500+ prisoners!

Hank has diligently fought the State to obtain the evidence and testing to prove his innocence. After suing the District Attorney all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, Hank won. Testing revealed:

- The knife the State claims is the murder weapon has the blood of Scooter, Randy and Hank on the blade and some unknown person's fingerprints in blood on the gripping part of the handle, proving that Hank was a victim just like Scooter and Randy.
- A bloodstain on the carpet cast off from the knife is Scooter and Randy's blood mixed with a third party unknown male profile. **Hank is excluded** as a contributor to this profile.
- The blood of any victim is **not** on Hank's hands. If Hank were the killer this would not be possible.
- The blood of any victim is **not** mixed with Hank's blood at any other location throughout the entire crime scene.
- At the time of the murders Hank was suffering from five broken ribs and could not raise his arms above his chest level. Additionally Hank had a serious previous hand injury which was not fully healed and his thumb was inoperable; his hand suffered atrophy to the point that he could barely hold a hairbrush or toothbrush in a weak four fingers grip. **Hank could not have wielded any of the weapons used to commit the murders.**
- In the pooled blood around Twila's head a boot impression of a paramilitary styled boot size 11 1/2 - 12, Hank wears a 9 to 9-1/2, owned no boots and was wearing only socks at the time of the murders.
- A man's windbreaker jacket, size 44-46 extra large, was found beside Twila's body and has subsequently been identified as belonging to uncle Bob. This jacket is 8 full sizes too big for Hank. The criminalist who examined the evidence said the jacket has medium velocity blood impact splatter all over the cuffs and forearms of the sleeves, indicating it was likely worn by the assailant. The jacket had light reddish blonde hairs in the collar - uncle Bob's hair color and length. The State has mysteriously 'lost' this jacket, so it will never be tested. **The one piece of evidence that, by itself, would have been certain to exonerate Hank.**
- Hairs 'clutched' in Twila's hand, sticking up from between her knuckles and caught under her ring were 3 to 5 inches long, light to reddish blonde and wavy to curly. Twila was very dark headed and had long hair. The only person in her family who had lighter hair this color was 'Uncle Bob'. MTDNA tests on the hairs revealed a profile that came from Twila's maternal line. 'Uncle Bob' Donnell was her maternal uncle. **'Uncle Bob' was the only maternal relative whose hair color, length, and texture matched hairs from the jacket.**

Despite a 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. We need YOU today to support him, thank you all in advance for sharing and contributing! Justice4Hank.org