DID I COMMIT A CRIME?

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when he returned to Des Moines, Andy was homeless and getting his meals at a downtown soup kitchen. While at the soup kitchen, he met an acquaintance, sheri Fisher, who invited him to move into the apartment that she shared with several other people. This group included Robert Myers, Terry Williams, Robert Johnston, Shaada Mehnear, Alexandra Habeck, Amanda steed; a juvenile M.D., and the victim Matthew stegman.

Soon after moving in, he discovered this group was involved in a conglomeration of religious teachings including Lucifarian, demonic, and Wiccan religions.

sometime in August and early september 2006, Myers and Williams developed a plan to attack stegman. The plan was in response to a false rumor circulated among their group, that stegman was going to bind and rape M.D., the thirteen year old daughter of Myers' girlfriend Amanda steed. At the same time, Andy and stegman were having difficulties and did not get along. Stegman told several others in their group that he was going to kill Andy.

To be specific, Stegman told a Brandon capek that he was going to take Andy to a nearby cemetary and kill him because aholy was running his mouth. Instead, Myers and Williams' decided to use Andy as bait to get Stegman to attack him.

When Andy learned of the plan, he went outside of Fisher's apart ment with Williams and told him that he did not want to

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be a part of it, but Williams reassured him that everything would be alright. He went back in and told Fisher that he did not want to be a part of the plan and that he was afraid. Fisher and Johnston assured him everything would be alright. He then talked to Mennear who likewise appeared terrified. She gave him a pocket knife that he put in his pants pocket.

In the early morning hours of September 3,2006, Stegman left work and went to Fisher's apartment. Andy, the codefendants, and Habeck was present along with Thomas Ransom, Habeck's boyfriend at the time. Stegman appeared excited and asked the group to play a song by Marilyn Mansom After they played the song, they all meditated except for Andy. All but Andy and Ransom had dressed up in black clothing. Therefter, Fisher, Habeck, and Myers left the apartment and headed to the cemetary. A few minutes later, Williams asked Andy and Stegman to go with him to the cemetery. While they were walking, Stegman ignored Andy and instead talk to Williams. Andy and Williams each carried a knife. They climbed over the fence to the cemetery and connected with the other group by listening to whistles.

They all gathered near the mausoleum where Myers and Habeck were talking about supernatural spirits of the undead. At some point, stegman turned his back and Myers, who is trained in martial arts, kicked him in the back of the knee taking him to

the ground. At that point, Williams, Johnston, and Myers proceeded to kick and stomp the victim. Fisher and Johnston then came over to allegedly protect Andy and take him away from the cemetary.

After Andy left, williams slit the victim's throat and tried to sever the victim's spinal cond by plunging the knife into the base of the victim's skull. Then, Myers took the knife from Williams and stabbed the victim in the chest. After Myers and Williams kicked and stomped the victim into unconsciousness, Myers, Williams and Habeck left the cemetery by a different route than they had came in and went back to fisher's apartment. Myers and Williams cleaned up the knife, first soaking it in hot water and then in mouthwash to get rid of the victim's blood from it. Myers also cleaned the victim's blood from his chest and attempted to alean the victim's blood from his boots. Myers and Williams had taken their shirts off prior to the start of the beating to avoid getting blood on them and so as not to restrict their movements.