

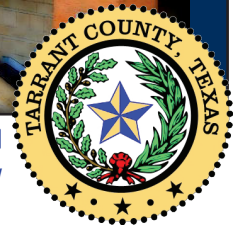
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## UPDATE: "MONSTER" CORBETT SENTENCED FOR 2012 MURDER

*Prosecutor: "What they did to the deceased was out of Dante's 7th Circle of Hell."*

(FORT WORTH, TX) – Stated "Monster" Corbett was sentenced today for Murder and Tampering with Evidence (Corpse) relating to the 2012 death of Earnest Lackey. The case was tried in May of this year, and following completion of the Pre-Sentencing Investigation (PSI), Judge Scott Wisch today ordered a sentence of 60 years in prison for Murder, and 20 years for Tampering, which was enhanced given Corbett's status as a repeat offender.

The trial, held in the 372nd District Court, was prosecuted by Assistant Criminal District Attorneys Art Clayton and Lisa Callaghan.

During the trial, the jury heard evidence that Corbett, his co-defendants Ronnie Wayne Freeman and Jimmy "Jimbo" Lee Riddle, and several witnesses, including the victim, consumed methamphetamines and gathered at Freeman's trailer near Eagle Mountain Lake one night in early July 2012. Lackey, claiming to be a member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, was asked by the three co-defendants to recite the "14 words," a doctrine or belief of the ABT. Upon his inability to recite the phrase, Lackey was attacked by "Monster" and his co-defendants.

Witnesses in an adjoining room testified to hearing screams from the victim, and observing Lackey being kicked, punched, choked, and sodomized with a hot soldering iron. Lackey's decomposed body was discovered August 2, 2012 in a rural area of far northwest Tarrant County, wrapped in a blanket and tied with yellow cord. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office reported the victim's hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage exhibited signs of being cut, slashed or stabbed by a sharp-bladed object, and Lackey suffered several broken ribs and a broken bone in his spine at or around the time of his death.

In closing statements today, ACDA Lisa Callaghan compared the violence against the victim to something from "Dante's 7th Circle of Hell ... What they did to the deceased was beyond belief."

Although he did not testify during the trial, Corbett took the stand during the punishment phase attributing his lack of impulse control to PTSD and Anti-Social Personality Disorder. Blaming the brunt of the attack on his co-defendant, Ronnie Wayne Freeman, Corbett admitted only to punching and "wrestling with" the victim, and then dumping his body in a wooded area near Freeman's trailer. Lackey's body was ultimately discovered at an alternate location.

ACDA Art Clayton said the actions taken by Corbett and his co-defendants that night demonstrated a "diabolical separation from humanity." Clayton closed by cautioning that Corbett "has no inner thought of change ... And that's what makes it so important for him to be removed from society."

While giving some deference to Corbett's mental health diagnoses, as he gave his ruling Judge Wisch noted Corbett's record of reoffending quickly after each release from custody: "It doesn't matter if someone can't follow the rules, or won't follow the rules – the effect on society is the same. The 'why' might make people angry or sympathetic, but violence is violence."

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