

embedded in his hip. In November 1991, Jessie applied for Social Security Disability benefits. A hearing was held in 1992, and benefits were awarded by a decision issued in May 1993.

Jessie's dad was diagnosed with cancer in the Summer of 1991. Jess and Pam had divorced, and he was living with Jessie in the Cummings' household in Philips. He began losing a considerable amount of weight and became anorexic, according to his medical records. (Appendix 47). The stress on the Cummings' family increased when Eugene Mayo abandoned Judy and moved back in with his parents in August of that year.

Judy was very dependent on Eugene, and was distraught by his leaving her, especially since it appeared he left because he had found a girlfriend. Judy's son James was in prison at that time. She sent her son Henry to Arkansas shortly after Eugene left, along with James' wife Mildred, who had become pregnant by Henry. That left Judy living alone with her 11 year old daughter, Melissa Moody, in a house they were renting in Tushka.

Jessie had sold Eugene and Judy a red flatbed pickup truck earlier in 1991. The Bill of Sale to the truck was in both their names, and they were making payments to Jessie. At the end of August the truck was at Jessie's house for repairs. Judy and Melissa stayed at Jessie's house while the truck was being repaired, further adding to the tensions in the household.

Labor Day was early in 1991, falling on September 1. Jessie finished the truck repairs that weekend, not knowing it would be one of the last favors he did for his sister. Judy and Melissa were killed by Anita and Sherry on Thursday, September 5, 1991. That Fall, Jessie buried his father, his sister and his niece.

F. Sherry Cummings: The Dominate Person in the Cummings' Household

Sherry Marie Mitchell was born on October 17, 1967, in Jay, Oklahoma. She is the oldest of eight children that Lahoma Yaws had with a variety of men. Sherry's father is J.B. Colvard. Sherry's youngest sibling is her half sister Lahoma Yaws [herein Lahoma II to distinguish her from her mother, who has the same name], who is 10 years younger than Sherry. Lahoma II was the prosecution's only witness at the penalty phase of Jessie's trial. Background information about her