

witnesses; you may stay in here, then. Allright, did you issue that warrant? No, he's here.

BY MR. KELLY:

He came in, your honor.

BY THE COURT:

That's the one who just came in. We'll just recall the warrant, then. Allright, Madame Clerk, you will read to the Jury, the bill or the charge against the defendant at this time.

READING OF BILL OF INDICTMENT

BY MADAME CLERK:

"State of Louisiana, Parish of Avoyelles, June term, 1977, in the Twelfth Judicial District Court. In the name and by authority of the State of Louisiana, the GRAND JURORS of the State of Louisiana, duly elected, empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire into and...

BY MR. BROUILLETTE:

Your Honor, may I interrupt for a minute, please, with reference to this wording?

BY THE COURT:

Would you come, Mr. Knoll?

(AT THE POINT, discussion between counsels and Judge)

BY MADAME CLERK:

"STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF AVOYELLES, June Term, 1977, in the Twelfth Judicial District Court, in the name and by authority of the State of Louisiana, the GRAND JURORS of the State of Louisiana, duly elected, empanelled, sworn and charged to inquire into and for the body of the Parish of Avoyelles, in the Twelfth Judicial District Court and State aforesaid, at a District Court begun and held in and for said Parish on the 10th day of June, 1977,

upon their oath, present: That Vincent Simmons, late of the Parish aforesaid, on or about the 9th day of May, 1977, in the Parish, District and State, aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, did wilfully, maliciously, and feloniously, committ the following, to-wit: COUNT 1: Attempt to commit "Aggravated Rape" in that he did attempt to have sexual intercourse with one, Sharon Sanders, without her lawful consent under circumstances where she was prevented from resisting the act by threats of great and immediate bodily harm, accompanied by the apparent power of execution by said Vincent Simmons. COUNT 2: Attempt to commit "Aggravated Rape" in that he did attempt to have sexual intercourse with one, Karen Sanders, without her lawful consent, under circumstances where she was prevented from resisting the act by threats of great and immediate bodily harm, accompanied by the apparent power of execution by said Vincent Simmons. Contrary to the form of the Statute of the State of Louisiana, in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the same. Signed, Eddie Knoll, District Attorney, Twelfth Judicial District, Louisiana, filed in our Twelfth Judicial Court, under Criminal Docket #37,596, A TRUE BILL of Indictment, signed by Mrs. Kenneth C. Normand, Forelady of that Body, filed the 10th day of June, 1977, Beverly M. Couvillon, Deputy Clerk, to which counts, ladies and gentlemen, of the Jury, the defendand entered pleas of "Not Guilty".

BY THE COURT:

Allright, we'll have the opening statement by the District Attorney.