

**This is the letter that I will be reading  
12-15-10 at the clemency hearing**

My name is Angela Houser-Yost. I am Richard's wife as much today as when I was back on February 26, 1995. Richard and I put our boys life's before ours. We wanted to give them everything that we could and most of all a loving home to grow up in. The boys are growing up in a loving home but it is with a single parent. My boys missed out on the love that Richard could have given each of them. I did my best to keep Richard's memory alive, so that the boys would not forget him. I wanted them to remember the loving father they had in Richard and how much he loved them.

A few years ago on January 2, 2009, I sat down with each of the boys to prepare them for the first of three-clemency hearings. Telling them of the events of Richard murder. They knew Richard was severally beaten to death with a baseball bat and that was about all they knew. In understanding that the video tape would possible be played. I needed to try and prepare the boys for what they were going to see but most of all what they would hear. Richard's cry's for help. There was no one there to help just the three guys and Billy Don Alverson that inflicted the blows. Richard's cry for help was heard but fell on deaf ears. Billy Don Alverson's not only heard, but seen first hand Richards pleading for help but then Billy Don Alverson's greed stood in the way of any help for Richard. Because, Billy Don Alverson had to kill Richard so that he and his friends could get their hands on the money. How does one explain to their kids that this person killed their father because the money was more important than their father's life. Please tell me for I

don't understand it either.

I remember before I was able to see Richard, I kept saying everyone is going to see what those guys have done to Richard. But, when I was able to see Richard. I knew the casket would have to be closed. I saw the pain on his face and in his eyes. I knew it was awful but I didn't know how bad until I saw the video tape and the crime scene photos. My vision and hearing was for ever stained. For I have seen and heard what Richard went through before he died. I just wished I could have kept that memory from my boys. But they too now have that memory of their dad screaming for help.

I still have the last tee-shirt that Richard wore before he left for work that night. Richard's aroma has faded away all that is left is the stains from my tears. Trying to stay focus is hard now because the thoughts and images from that night is always swimming around inside my head. I try to put them in the back of my mind but there is something I will see or hear that brings the images back in focus. For example: Still to this day when I hear of a robbery at a convenience store I am frozen back to February 26. It takes my breath away and yet my heart races with pain.

Billy Don Alverson gave Richard death. Billy also headed down a life sentenced without Richard to the boys and me. Billy Don Alverson actions has caused the boys and me many years of suffering. It is something you don't ever get over but somehow you have to learn to live with it. For now I can understand how someone could die from a broken heart. Because I could have just laid down and never got up if it wasn't for my boys. They saved me and gave me a reason to live.

Billy Don Alverson's criminal record speaks for its self. Billy Don

Alverson is not a follower but a leader . In all of the crimes he does not show remorse he plays down his role. Just like when he was caught for Richards murder. He wasn't there he was across the street. Billy Don Alverson was there and it shows him in the video. Billy Don Alverson was not a victim he was a willing participant to the killing of Richard. Furthermore the true victim of this crime was Richard. I stand here before each of you and ask that you give Billy Don Alverson the same help that he offered Richard that night.