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Merridew Guilty as Charged
Trial Proves Young Boy Guilty Of Murder

By Lucas Shum

Port Washington, New York: The trial of Jack Merridew, who was accused of murder, was proved guilty by the unanimous vote of the grand jury.

The trial began on Friday, November 2, 2001 at 1:00 PM, in the Federal District Court at Nassau County, New York, temporarily established in Port Washington, New York. The trial, in some way, shorten the processing time and steps, which did not follow conventional standards in normal criminal procedures, making this trial the strangest trial so far in the 21st century.

Jack Merridew, who was indicted of killing two children, only known as Piggy and Simon, during their inhabitation on an unknown Pacific island after the group of boys survived a plane crash before.

During the trial, the witness Mediciniae Doctor Sarah Rashti, Ralph, the leader of the island, and the Victims Piggy and Simon, who somehow rebirth to testify before the court for the prosecutor. On the defendant side, Roger, the assistant to Merridew, defended him before the judge.

At first, Dr. Rashti was called up by the prosecutors, and stated that bullying may have contribute the Columbine shooting and shows that Jack is irrational for a leader. He is a threat to civilization. However, the defendants interrupted:

What is the relevance of the [Columbine] shootings to the

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By Richie Miglietta

Port Washington, New York: In a grueling court case, Jack Merridew was charged guilty of murder for his actions weeks ago, off the coast of an unknown Pacific island. Merridew killed two young boys, but three were reported dead, including a parachutist who reportedly was not killed by any of the boys.

The prosecution of Lauren Elicks and Emily Silverstein defeated the defense of Jenna Milillo and David Silverstein. Purely for the means of survival. Defense attorney Milillo stated about Jacks behavior on the island and why he acted so violently. One of the boys on the island said Jack

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Jack was a bully on the island and he showed violent behavior, including when he ripped Piggy's glasses off his face, and didn't use them for food. Jack had no reason for killing Piggy, and Piggy had no way of defending himself. On being asked why did you act so violently, Merridew responded, I don't have a mature thinking process.

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Two sides then went on fighting, not with guns, but with words, forcing the judge to order silence.

Piggy, the child who were killed on the island, for some reason, rebirth at some point after he was found on Marshalls. He was then sent to the United States and testifying on the day of trial. When the prosecutor asked him if it was true that they stole your glasses to make the fire? Piggy answered, Yes.

He continued. Jack influenced Roger He took everyone on his side like his [tribe] were better he could have someone take care of the [rescue] fire [than let in gone out unmanaged]. Just as Piggy was about to finish, the defendant again tried to interrupt his speech. The judge, one more time, has to declare moratorium in the court temporally.

The defense team then called on prosecutor side s witness: Simon, who had the same fate as Piggy, killed on the island, also testified before the court. The defense team asked if he had seen any abnormal things happened on the island.

Simon responded, that he saw Lord of the Flies through a pig-headed figure. The defense team asked, Did he tell you that inside all men there is evil? Simon answered, Yes. Defendants then present their ideas to court, remarking that Simon said that not only there is evil inside Jack, but also in every person in the world.

The prosecutor was back on the main forum again. This time, they presented the plaintiff himself, Ralph, the conch-holder leader: I tried to be fair to everyone not to be biased however, sometimes members needed to take care individually because of their unique personalities.

The defendant challenged Ralph in a respectful way: We have evidences that you have participate in hunting the sow with Jack. Was that true? Ralph replied: I did participate in hunting the sow with Jack first very exciting however, it was very violent, and there were lots of blood. I don t think I could do such a thing again.

When asked by the prosecutor what he felt when Simon was killed, he answered: I felt so terrible [that Simon was killed] the boys were so carried away, [dancing and chanting at that moment]. Do you feel that Jack is jealous of you? I think so.

The prosecutor continues: What did you think you would need the most when you were first on the island? Shelters, fire, vital materials and such that I think would be the key to survival on the island. Prosecutor at that time attempted to invite Jack to stand and examine; however, the defendants refused, and called Jack to stand and examine by the defendants themselves.

The defendants questioned Jack about his first impression and feelings when first landed on the island. Jack responded by stated that he think everybody was afraid when we were first on the island I think I was the leader that they have Ralph was not an adequate leader not as successful as me.

The prosecutes stepped in and asked Jack, were you rational when you beat Wilfred [one of his tribal members]? Is there a reason to that? Jack replied, I was very young still prosecutes continued: Why did you torture the Sow when you were hunting it? What was the purpose? Jack answered, I am sorry Judge Pablo Leczano at this moment interfered in confusion: Quiet!

The prosecutor proceeded: A leader should be rational. Jack forwarded this statement by saying, I don t have a mature thinking process. What happened at the scene when Simon was killed, you should have heard something, since Simon was crying out loud? I did not hear anything we were chanting cheering having a good time I just don t see any relevance.

Defendant at this time pulled out Roger, Jack s companion. The

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David Silverstein Defending his Client, Jack Merridew, in Federal District Court at Nassau County, New York.



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defendants questioned him. Did you kill Piggy? Yes, I pushed the boulder, he replied. The prosecutors quickly acted and asked if Merridew had a strong influence on Roger himself. Well, he is the leader we all wanted to have control over us.

The prosecutors, at the end, distributed a closing statement: Jack made his evil influence over them that cannot be ignored Jack is truly convicted.

The defendants, also gave a closing statement as well: He had lack of experience he is only twelve years old as Simon stated earlier, there is evil in every person, not just Jack.

The jury, after an intermission, had made a decision: the trial ended with an indisputable vote of 3:0, sentenced Jack Merridew to life in prison, for guilty as charged of murder.

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Plaintiff's View on the Future and

Criminal Justice

By Lucidium Smith

Immediately after the trial had ended, the press was fortunately to have the opportunity to interview Ralph, the leader of the Conch tribe on the island. Ralph was interviewed and his experience was reported by the reporters.

We first asked, Ralph, How do you feel about the conviction of Merridew?

The first impression was: Equity at Last! Equity at Last! I felt that finally justice is done first time nondiscriminatory in a United States court.

What do you plan to do next? Ralph thinks that I will probably go to meet my parents back in England, to spend some time together after these tragic things happened on the island.

Questioned him if he think that there is hope for the future of the planet? Ralph seemed that he was having some difficulty answering the question. In which area, did you mean by hope? Life of the earthlings; would they be better or worst after this?

Ralph paused for a moment, and continued: I think life would be easier after Merridew is not active in this world; however, there are still thousands of Merridews to be deactivated in this world.

Do you think that people who are mentally retarded, such as Merridew, be pardoned because of their disabilities? He answered, I think that even if they are to be pardoned, more services and counseling should be available to them. If only a few lectures were given to them, they could commit the crime again; sometimes alternative choices of counseling, such as listening to classical music, could rebuilt their mind to their initial status.

I personally recommends that the following examples could use some of that treatment described above. Ones that shoot the clerks in a Wendy's fast food shop in Flushing, New York, or the boy who kill his teacher in West Palm Beach, California, should be taken out from our real lives, and be treated like described above, for that it will create a safer environment for all of us.

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Editorials**One Giant Leap Toward Justice****By Louis Sycamoria**

Could you imagine how a teenage boy would go and kill his teacher, his friends, or his family members? It is impossible for us, to believe that a normal, innocent child could do such a thing. Nonetheless, from Columbine to *The Conch vs. Merridew*, there was just too much juvenile violence around the world today. Something has to be done. Recently, *The Conch vs. Merridew* case helped to improve the living environment of the earthlings.

It is clear, according to the evidence, that Merridew had committed irrational acts on the island. The corporal abusing of his follower Wilfred for nothing that Wilfred had committed proves that he was and still is not a rational person, when compare to today's real world standards.

During Merridew's staying on the island, Merridew had physically stabbed a female pig violently, until, eventually, the pig finally fell down onto the ground. Obviously, this indicates that he is lunatic, that he violated the basic and fundamental rights of animals.

Tribal rituals, so reactionary were performed in Merridew's tribe, such as, according to one eyewitness account, the chant: Kill the pig! Spill his blood! Bash him in! The tribe members were also required to paint their face like savages to prove their allegiance toward their tribe. Lastly, they planned to commit some suicide fire on the island; overall, Merridew is a threat to civilization.

By the end, the jury reached the verdict that Merridew was guilty of murder and was sentenced life in prison. Nobody on this planet, could say that our (globally recognized) fundamental values, our society, our best behaviors, and our civilization, should not be recognized, respected, and praised. Yet in his mind, these were not honored under his central processing unit.

Indeed he irrational, violent, and retrograde, and If one or more should appear in our highly educated society, they should be, punished, refurbished to the maximum extent of law, not by some selected interpretation of the verdict.

Child Murderer**By Ravel Marwood**

Do you think the trial of Jack Merridew was a fair one? Was he treated as equal as other witnesses on the island? Yes, he was. I've had many letters written to me, talking about how Jack was cheated during the trial and that the jury was biased.

If the Prosecution attorneys (Emily Silverstein and Lauren Elicks) had that much information in order to convict Merridew of murder, he was guilty. Piggy, Simon and Ralph (witnesses on the island) all told the prosecution and defense about how violent Jack was on the island. Three children wouldn't just make up a lie about murder in order to win a trial.

Jack was treated fair during the trial and he got what he deserved, so did the others on the island, justice. A threat to civilization, Emily Silverstein added during the prosecutor's victory. Merridew arrogantly responded, I don't have a mature thinking process. That is a bunch of bologna, Merridew was charged with murder, exactly what he committed.

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