



Kids Rescued on Deserted Island 12 year old put on trial



Department of Justice via AP
Defendant Jack Merridew



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Defense Lawyer David Silverstein

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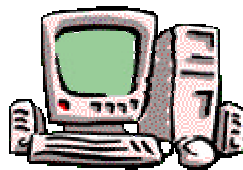
By Richard Miglietta

Majuro, Marshall Islands: An unspecified number of children were rescued off the coast of an unknown Pacific island, and a young boy was charged with murder. Jack Merridew, the leader of a boys choir was accused of killing two children.

Occurred earlier last week, the Marshall Islands Bodies case, in which three bodies were found off the coast of the Marshall Islands, were more significant than the officials had earlier thought. However, officials said that there is no specific evidence linking this to Merridew.

According to the officials, a plane crashed off the unknown island some time ago and the passengers, only those who were adolescent males survived and were finally rescued. These children comprised a part of a choir, led by Jack Merridew. It was reported that Merridew acted violently during the time on the island and might have been the murderer. Three were reported dead: two children and a parachutist, who died of impact injuries but reportedly was not killed by any of the children.

The thoughts and opinions of Merridew's colleagues and witnesses on the island; and the capability of his defense lawyers, David Silverstein and Jenna Millillo, one of the most profound legal advisers in the U.S., will determine the outcome of the case and the way he will be treated.



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"They are like... tribal... like warriors... like evil."

Eyewitness Accounts of the Island
By Lucas Shum

New York, New York: Moments after the news was released, we were allowed to interview so called "witnesses" who were on the island. The press first came upon the boys who were known separately as Piggy, Ralph, (plaintiffs) and Jack (Merridew, the defendant).

"I lead the island [at the first place], trying to keep the key to survival." Ralph told us in the interview. Although he said that he believe that I am the only authority on the island," Jack Merridew, the leader of the adolescent choir took over, and "... they [began to act] like... tribal [members]... painting their faces... like warriors... like evil," said Piggy.

At that time the choir and Jack became recognized as "the hunters." "They stole my specs to start the fire, and he never let me go on hunting trips." Jack murdered two people on the deserted island, he said. However, none of them would point out who the victims were, stating that exposing the data could affect the results of the trial.

In contrast and response to our questions, Merridew had sent back a formal statement, stating that the act of accusing him of murder "is like someone in the United States who was walking down the street, accusing the President for the crime someone else committed." And so Merridew said that "I cannot be responsible for the alleged actions, I feel very bad" that the reporters were trying to "incriminate me." He accused the Chronicle of "making biased statements in order to influence public opinion on this issue," and he refused to answer questions "that could affect my status" in the proceeding trial.

Ralph, at the finalization of the interview, expressed his opinion on Jack Merridew. "I believe that Jack was nothing more than a broom."

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