

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Beaufort County

Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

TAVARUS LEE ROGERS,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Have you been to any interesting places?

3 A. I took a little cruise.

4 Q. I'll bet you had a wonderful time. When you say in
5 response to the Solicitor's questions, "Would you have
6 any difficulty imposing the death penalty," and your
7 response is "Not at all." It's important for us to
8 understand and not misinterpret that. So I would ask
9 you -- you have no feelings or predisposition that
10 simply because someone is convicted of murder, that you
11 would be required to give the death penalty, do you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And you understand that you would be required and
14 the law would require you to consider all of the
15 evidence in the case in making that serious decision.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you understand and are we correct in believing
18 that you would give due weight and consideration to all
19 the issues?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. One final thing. Of course, it's unusual in this
22 type of special case to start discussing issues of
23 punishment or penalty when you haven't even heard the
24 things and we haven't even had a trial. I'm sure you
25 find that a little perplexing.