

## Murder for Sport?!

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by Wayne Goff

We have all been shocked by the news of three teenagers in Duncan, Oklahoma who killed an Australian living here while playing college baseball. Two teens have been charged with first degree murder, and a third with being an accessory to murder after the fact.

The worst of it all is the comment that one of them made about the *motive* for murder: "We were bored and didn't have anything to do, so we decided to kill somebody." Human depravity is getting worse in America because these boys were 15, 16, and 17. They have no concept of the sanctity of human life because mankind has been made in God's image, and because everyone has an eternal soul.

The victim was a random target chosen as senselessly as the murderous act. He was shot in the back with a .22-caliber revolver last Friday. He was out jogging and passed the house where the boys were staying.

The victim's father said that the killing was "heartless, and to try to understand it is a short way to insanity."

Perhaps he is right, and we certainly do not know all the facts that led to this murderous act by three teenage boys. But my guess is that none of them can recite the **Ten Commandments**, and none of them has been brought up in the "*nurture and admonition of the Lord*" (Eph. 6:4). Dear reader, this is **not** just a bunch of "preacher talk." We can see the consequences in America of having taken God out of the minds and consciences of people. We have rejected the idea of a Judgment Day and the eternal consequences of going to hell for murder, Rev. 21:8. People say they do not believe in hell. However, nobody has ever been to eternity and returned to guarantee us of that belief. It is just wishful thinking that ignores the biblical evidence.

Finally, I cannot wrap my mind around the thinking of killing another human being just for the fun of it. Perhaps I was taught better.

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