

Oklahoma Beheading Trial: Are Believing Muslims Mentally Ill?

It's a question because the US does not recognize that the morality of Islam is inverted. Good is bad and bad is good. Therefore, he felt that beheading his co-worker was the right thing to do. Non-Muslims must never "oppress" Muslims by being over them in any way – not even at work. Women cannot be over men – this is humiliating and demands redress. Killing his kafir oppressor guarantees the favor of Allah.

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Murder defendant Alton Alexander Nolen told Moore police and the FBI that he beheaded one woman at a Moore food plant because he felt oppressed by her and tried to behead another for disrespecting him.

"That's what Allah said in the Quran," he told the interviewers.

The jury at his murder trial Wednesday were listening to recordings of two statements the Muslim convert made in the days after the Sept. 25, 2014, attack.

Nolen began the first interview by stating "I'm a Muslim," after he was read his rights. He ended the first interview by saying he is going to Heaven.

"I feel, you know, you know what I'm saying, if I was to die in five or 10 minutes I'm going to Heaven," he said. "That's all that matters to me."

His court-appointed defense attorneys are asking the jury to find him not guilty by reason of insanity. They have told jurors he is mentally ill and believed what he was doing was right because of delusional misinterpretations of Islamic teachings.

Prosecutors contend he clearly knew right from wrong and should get the death penalty.

Nolen, 33, of Moore, is accused of beheading one co-worker, Colleen Hufford, and attempting to behead another worker, Traci Johnson, after being suspended for racial remarks.

The second woman was saved when the company's then-chief operating officer, Mark Vaughan, interrupted the attack and shot Nolen, according to testimony Monday.

Nolen was interviewed both times at the hospital where he was treated for his gunshot wounds.

In the first interview, he admitted in response to FBI questions that he watched beheadings on YouTube all the time.

The FBI interviewers were seeking to determine if anyone had taught him that beheading an oppressor is acceptable or guided

him to those beliefs.

"Uh, no," he said. "I read the Quran. Like I say, the Quran is easy to understand. ... No one guides me but Allah."

Prosecutors are alleging at trial that he beheaded Hufford because he mistook her for another woman who had bumped into him by accident days before. Nolen did not explain in the first interview exactly why he felt oppressed.

"She just, you know, wanted to bring me down, like I couldn't be me as a Muslim," he said. "She want to bring me down low to the ground."

He told the police and FBI in the first interview that he felt disrespected by Johnson after she called him a brat during an argument on an assembly line.

He did not tell them, though, in the first interview what he told a plant supervisor in a handwritten statement about the argument. In that statement at the plant, he had admitted that he said toward the end "I beat on Caucasians."

Instead, he told Moore police and the FBI "she's the one who tried to make, like, I was trying to jump on her."

The attack began after Nolen was suspended because Johnson had complained to a supervisor about his remarks.

"When I left H and R," he told the interviewers, referring to the human resources office, "I said, you know, 'Forget it,' you know, 'I'm a slave for Allah and this is what I'm supposed to go do.' And that's, that's, what I went and did."