



The Crime

Copy sheet 13

- This is a short resume of the crime that Patrick Sonnier was convicted of.
- Fill in the correct form of the missing verbs:

Elmo Patrick Sonnier was _____ (*convict*) of the slayings of Loretta Bourque, aged 18, and her fiance, David LeBlanc, aged 16. Each _____ (*to be*) shot three times in the head on Nov. 5, 1977. The two brothers Elmo and Eddie Sonnier _____ (*to be*) both convicted and sentenced to die for the deaths of the teenagers.

The two brothers _____ (*pretend*) to be law enforcement officers. They abducted the young couple from a lovers' lane and _____ (*drive*) them more than 20 miles to a remote sugar cane field. Here both brothers raped the girl while the boy was handcuffed to a tree. Both teenagers _____ (*to be*) then murdered, shot three times each in the back of the head with a .22-caliber rifle. A month after the murders, both brothers _____ (*confess*) that Elmo was the one who _____ (*have*) pumped three bullets into each of the victims' heads. Although Eddie was also given the death penalty at first, he _____ (*manage*) to "give it back," as he _____ (*put*) it, by claiming he _____ (*do*) not pull the trigger. Then, when his sentence was reduced to life in prison he _____ (*say*) he was the triggerman. Elmo's death sentence _____ (*to be*) also reversed on technical grounds.

But after a new hearing, he was again sentenced to death, despite the fact that Eddie had changed his testimony and claimed that he had _____ (*pull*) the trigger.