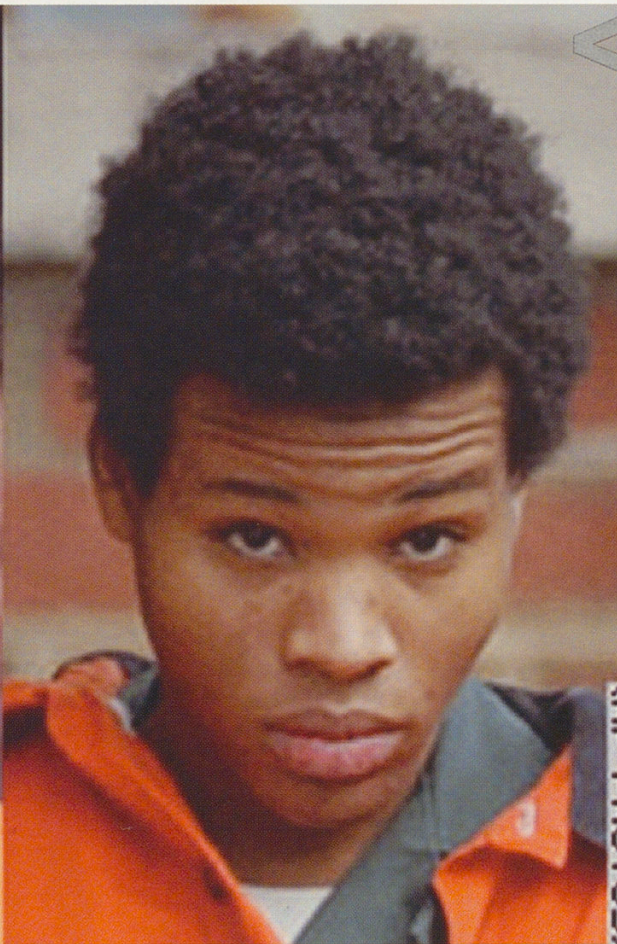


OCTOBER, 2002 TEN PEOPLE'S LIVES WERE LOST AND THREE WERE WOUNDED

due to two snipers in the Washington D.C. area. Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad were charged with shootings in Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Arizona, and Washington state. Malvo was stationed at the Chesapeake Correction Center, next to Virginia Beach, where the trial took place. Malvo, who was 17 at the time of the shootings, confessed to authorities, and was charged with murder and terrorism. He pleaded insanity, saying that he had no control over his actions. A jury found him guilty of murdering FBI analyst Linda Franklin and recommended life in prison with no parole.

Muhammad was found guilty of murdering civil engineer Dean Harold Meyers and the jury recommended the death penalty.

Both Malvo and Muhammad were among the first to be charged under Virginia's new terror law, which was passed as a result of the 9-11 tragedy. It made a murder defendant eligible for capital punishment if the crime was intended to intimidate the public or influence the government.



FAMOUS POPSTAR, Michael Jackson surrendered to the Santa Barbara Police Department after having a warrant out for child molestation. After entering jail, his bail was placed at \$3 million dollars and he was released less than an hour later. A thirteen year old boy that had stayed in a his bedroom claimed that he was molested by Jackson. Child molestation charges could leave him with up to eight years in prison. His trial is set for January 9th at the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

"I think the media is making a bigger deal about the Michael Jackson case because he is famous."

> **Cherie Hunnicutt, 12.**



TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA. Terri Schiavo is being fed through a feeding tube after collapsing and suffering from cardiac arrest in 1990. She has been declared in a vegetative state for 13 years. Michael Schiavo, her husband, testified in court seeking to cut off the feeding tube and let his wife die. He testified that his wife would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents, still hoping for their daughter's recovery, fought his efforts to stop the feeding tube. The Florida courts decided that she would be able to die in peace, based on evidence they found saying that she would want the life prolonging measures to discontinue. On the other hand, the legislatures said that she should continue with the feeding tube.

