You Decide

6.1 Michael L. Moler was living with Neil Wright and Neil's mother Nina Wright. Both Neil and Nina knew that Moler suffered from schizophrenia, but both also observed that Moler functioned normally on medication. Nina's mother Ethel Cummins moved into the house six months before the tragic events described below. In the morning, Moler was dropped off at a mental health facility where he received an injection of antipsychotic medication. Moler, Neil, and Cummins spent the afternoon watching television. Neil and Nina left in the evening and upon returning home found the bloodied Cummins lying on the floor. Moler was standing at the sink and proclaimed that "I did not mean to do it. She's a witch. She turned into a witch." Moler later told the police that Nina's hair had "stood straight up" and that Nina had turned into a witch and that he had "twisted her head around and killed her." Despite testimony from Neil and Nina that Moler appeared normal both before and after the injection and testimony by the police that Moler appeared normal following the killing, two mental health experts concluded that in their opinion at the time of the killing Moler was unable to appreciate the wrongfulness of his acts. Moler was found guilty but mentally ill and sentenced to fifty-five years in prison. Do you agree with the verdict? See *Moler v. State*, 782 N.E.2d 454 (Ind. Ct. App. 2003).

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