# MONTANA STATE SENATE

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Bill No. SB 202

**+++++ WITNESS STATEMENT +++++**

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**REPRESENTING** Self

**APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ?** SB 202

**DO YOU:** **SUPPORT**____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**____

**COMMENTS:**

Elizabeth Vargas, ABC news correspondent, reported on an interview with Aaron McKinney [one of two men who had murdered Matthew Shepherd] if he had killed Shepherd because he was gay. McKinney said, "no I did not." "It was not because me and Aaron [Henderson] had anything against gays."

Albany County Prosecutor Cal Rerucha said at the original trails and repeated for "20/20", that "McKinney and Henderson targeted Shepherd because he was well dressed and had a pocket full of money they needed to fuel their drug habits - not because he was homosexual."

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