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Prosecutor compares Lucas, Bundy

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Is Henry Lee Lucas "a poor and dumb man's Ted Bundy?"

That's what El Paso prosecutor Bill Moody wanted author Hugh Aynesworth to answer Friday, considering that Aynesworth has spent hundreds of hours with both notorious killers.

Aynesworth testified that he "can't imagine" Lucas being a poorer version of Bundy — a former law school student who charmed college women into becoming his murder victims. Bundy, now on death row in Florida, was the subject of a two-part TV movie this year. In contrast, Lucas has only a fourth-grade education and lived in a lower strata of society than Bundy.

Aynesworth is co-author of "The Only Living

Witness," a book about Bundy. He also has a contract to write the Lucas story.

The author did acknowledge several "striking similarities," as Moody tried to compare profiles of Bundy and Lucas. For example, Aynesworth said that both are:

- Pathological liars.
- Late-night wanderers.
- Messed up sexually.
- Charged with kidnapping.
- Chronic nail-biters.
- Subject to severe mood swings.
- Fond of driving cars long distances.
- Accused of using secluded areas to dump bodies.
- Accused of being thieves who took unconventional items, such as cookware.