

A day after a retired state toxicologist testified that Robert Stewart was under the influence of mind-altering drugs the day he killed eight people, a forensic psychiatrist said he didn't know what he was doing at the time of the killings two years ago. Doctor George Corvin, who practices psychiatry in Raleigh, testified Thursday that he believes Stewart was suffering from a major depressive disorder at the time of the shootings. Stewart, according to Doctor Corvin, suffers from a lifelong personality disorder that explains his impulsive behavior after his wife left him two weeks before the shootings. Earlier, a Duke University Pharmacologist, Wilkie Wilson, testified that the powerful sleep inducing drug Ambien only confused the burly mass-murderer, but didn't make him sleepy. "It was just this perfect storm of drug interaction," said Wilson, "and a mental state that wasn't too good." During cross-examination, Prosecutor Tiffany Bartholomew pointed out that Stewart performed a number of complex actions leading up to the shootings at The Pinelake Health And Rehabilitation Center. Witnesses testified that Stewart selected four guns, including two handguns, from his locked gun safe, as well as the proper ammunition for each. He then drove 20 minutes to Pinelake where his ex-wife worked and proceeded to shoot up her car in the parking lot. Hardly the actions of a man who didn't know what he was doing.. The trial continues today.